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P R E F A C E .

PREFACE.

THE MS. known as Elizabeth, Vol. XIV., in the Council Office collection, the whole of which is reproduced in the present volume of this Series, is a fine volume in good preservation, measuring 16 inches by 10 inches, and preserving the daily record of Council business from September 20, 1597, to July 31, 1598, contained in 361 pages, according to the somewhat inaccurate pagination added at a later date, in addition to fly-leaves at each end covered with the usual miscellaneous scribbling of the Clerks. It also contains a list of the members of the Privy Council which was evidently not made when the Register was first begun, as Lord Essex is therein described as Earl Marshal, an office to which he was not promoted until somewhat later, his first appearance in the Register under that title being on February 2, 1597-8 (p. 292), whilst Lord Howard of Effingham, the Lord High Admiral, appears in the list as Earl of Nottingham, a title which he did not receive until Oct. 23, 1597 (p. 47). One of the Clerks of the Council has, however, added a few explanatory words to the list as drawn up by the copyist in the case of both these high Officers of State. It is to be noted, too, that the Earl of Nottingham twice appears in the Register under the title of Lord Steward, viz., on October 27 and November 8, 1597 (pp. 60-107), the Lords' Journals showing that he held that office during the Parliamentary Session.

This volume of the Council Office MSS. is interesting because the entries in it are made in such a manner that it is generally possible to determine whether the names appearing at the head or the side of certain entries are those of the Privy Councillors who were present at the meeting at which the entry was authorised, or of those who

signed the letter of which the entry is the minute. It is still however doubtful whether there was a daily meeting of Councillors at which the necessary letters were signed or whether the Clerks of the Council sent the letters round for signature, as certainly happened in the case of the Lord Treasurer. The volume is also interesting as containing (bound up between pages 220 and 221) a brief abstract of questions in connection with the administration of the government of the Channel Islands, of which the last item is dated July 18, 1603.

The volume is, however, of still greater interest inasmuch as during the nine months which it covers a new policy was inaugurated in Ireland, in accordance with which it was decided to establish a permanent garrison on the shores of Lough Foyle as the only means of subduing Ulster and of effectually curbing the power of Tyrone. The execution of this policy was however eventually delayed owing to the disaster near Armagh in August, 1598, and the subsequent general insurrection in Ireland. During this period, too, the policy of sending contingents to assist Henry IV. was given up—a policy which had not satisfied either England or France—the troops which had served under Baskerville in Picardy being removed, some to Ostend and some to Ireland, and in the Low Countries the genius of Maurice of Nassau and the use of the spade had altered all the conditions of the warfare in which English captains and English rank and file bore so conspicuous a part. This nine months, too, saw the return of the last great expedition undertaken in Elizabeth's time to cripple the power of the King of Spain by attacking him in his own country, and also the failure of the last of Philip's great efforts to invade England, and, last not least, the final entries of this volume coincide with the close of the active life of the great statesman who had stood by Elizabeth's side throughout her whole reign. Ever since she had ascended the throne Lord Burghley had been most assiduous in his attendance on his sovereign, and the Register of the

Privy Council shows how seldom he failed to be present at the frequent meetings at which were discussed and decided all questions connected with the administrative business of the government of England, but in April of this year many meetings of the Council were held at which he was not present, and on the 7th of the month a meeting at which he was present was held at "the Lord Treasurer's house in the Strand," though no business of particular importance appears to have been transacted on that occasion (p. 422). Although he did not attend the meeting which took place at Whitehall on April 30, it is evident that he was still indefatigable in his attention to business, as throughout May his signature was attached to many letters, though he was only twice able to meet his colleagues at the Council Table during that month, his attendance being recorded at meetings at Greenwich on May 14 and May 21, it being expressly stated that on the latter day "in the afternoon the Lord Treasurer was present." This, however, was his last appearance at the Board, as he was absent from all the meetings of June and July, though with indomitable perseverance he continued to sign the necessary letters so long as his strength would allow him.

On July 21 in addition to the ordinary business connected with his office of Lord High Treasurer Lord Burghley's colleagues specially referred to him a question of great importance connected with the regulation of trade between England and Germany so long as the great corporation of Merchant Adventurers were "forbidden to traffick into the Empire by the Emperor's mandate." The terms in which the reference to him is made show how anxious his colleagues were to have the benefit of his ripe experience, though they recognised that his failing health might prevent his giving full consideration to the question:—"Although we are loth to trouble your good Lordship at this time, your health not serving you so well as we do wish, nevertheless this being a matter of very great weight, in regard of your Lordship's long experience and judgment, we have been bold to send you

the demands of the Merchant Adventurers and the answer of the strangers, wherein we pray your good Lordship, after you have perused the same, that we may have your advice and opinion what course you think meet to be taken in this matter that may greatly concern the state of the realm" (p. 601).

Whether the great Lord Treasurer was able to attend to this matter does not appear in the Register, but it is noticeable that whilst his signature is attached to several of the letters written after the Council held on July 23 (pp. 602, 605-6), it is stated with reference to certain letters connected with the collection of the Subsidy and other matters that "these letters bare date 23 of July, but were not sent away till this day [July 26] by reason they were sent to the Lord Treasurer, who by reason of sickness was not able to sign the same" (p. 625). A long schedule containing the names of many Irish creditors and the sums to be paid to them in full satisfaction of the larger amounts claimed was settled by the Council on July 25, but, as the marginal note states, "by the Lord Treasurer's decease was afterwards directed to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and is entered x^o August, 1598," and on July 30 a marginal note to a letter officially addressed to the Lord Treasurer as to an Irish pension states that "this letter was afterward renewed and directed to Sir John Fortescue, knight [the Chancellor of the Exchequer], being dated 10th August" (p. 636). Thus we see that up to the last moment official business was still forwarded in due course to the Lord Treasurer, though he was latterly unable to attend to it, and that the papers which had under these circumstances accumulated at his house in the Strand were dealt with by the Chancellor of the Exchequer after his death, which occurred on August 4, 1598, almost at the precise moment at which the inveterate enemy of England, Philip II. of Spain, was attacked by the terrible ailment from which after indescribable sufferings he was relieved by death on September 13, 1598, when like Herod

Agrippa “*γενόμενος σκωληκόβρωτος ἐξέψυξεν*,” not six weeks after the decease of the English statesman who had done so much to thwart his designs both at home and abroad.

During the month of July another name is missing in the daily record of those who attended to Council business. Lord Essex, who since his promotion to the office of Earl Marshal, which is first noted in the Register on February 2, 1597-8 (p. 292), had been most regular in his attendance, suddenly disappears, having in a fit of petulance retired to Wanstead because his advice as to the condition of Ireland was not received with the respect which he thought it deserved, as we see by his letter of August 26, 1598, to the Queen in the Hatfield Papers. This however was not the only period during which his ill temper induced him to absent himself from the Council Chamber, as his name does not appear in the Register from November 3 until December 22, 1597, when possibly he was pacified by receiving the appointment of Earl Marshal in addition to those of Master of the Horse and Master of the Ordnance which he already held.

Whatever may have been the nature of the Earl Marshal's rejected advice it was rapidly becoming apparent that a more severe and consistent line of policy with regard to Ireland was urgently needed. The death of the newly arrived Lord Deputy, Lord Burgh, on October 13 counterbalanced the successful actions which he had fought before his death, and this, with several “unfortunate accidents” such as the loss of Sir John Chichester (pp. 216, 241), encouraged the growing insolence of Tyrone. Several were suggested to replace the dead Lord Deputy, but each in turn was opposed by one or the other of the two rival factions in the Council, and ultimately an ambition to succeed where others had failed and an over-whelming confidence in his own powers induced Lord Essex to put forward his claim to be sent to Dublin Castle. It is true that he afterwards professed that he only accepted the post in deference to the Queen's commands, and that he deplored the fate which condemned him to exile in

Ireland, but there is little doubt that the appointment would not have been made unless he had really desired it, and that when once the decision was taken there were too many whose interest it was that he should be removed from the Court, if they did not actually hope that he would fail in his undertaking, to allow of any opportunity for drawing back.

It was not however until late in the year 1598 that the irrevocable choice was made, but it was not until April 13, 1599, that Essex actually landed in Ireland, and in the mean time Lord Burgh's place was supplied by the appointment of Lords Justices. Of these Lord Ormonde was one, and to him was entrusted the responsibility for all military operations, the authority to be exercised by him and his colleagues being very clearly defined in a letter of October 30:—"Her Majesty hath thought it very necessary for the government thereof to have the charge committed in this sort following; that is to have our very good Lord the Earl of Ormonde to have the principal rule in all martial causes as her Majesty's Lieutenant General and Captain of her army, for the which purpose her Majesty sendeth thither her special commission under her Great Seal of England authorising him thereunto, as by the said commission now sent thither shall more specially appear. And yet nevertheless her Majesty hath thought it convenient that such two as are named to be Lords Justices at this present should also continue in the exercise of their offices for all other parts of government of that realm saving for martial causes" (p. 76).

The instructions given in this letter are of a general character and refer generally to defects of administration and necessary reforms, but certain passages show that the Government was not easy as to the safety of the English Pale and the garrisons of Armagh and the fort on the Blackwater, which were specially subject to attack from Tyrone.

On the eighteenth of November, however, a letter in very different terms is addressed to the Irish Council in response

to one from Dublin describing "the miserable state of that realm" (p. 122), the rebellion having spread from Ulster to Connaught and Leinster and even to the Pale itself, and as a Spanish landing was anticipated, the Queen thought it essential that Sir Thomas Norris should at once leave Dublin and return to his charge in Munster, where he had succeeded his dead brother as President, "from which her Majesty hath thought it dangerous to have him absent in respect that the enemy's purpose may most likely be to make invasion by sea into that Province, where the best havens are and most proper to enter into the same from Spain, and now much the rather finding only that Province free from rebellion and therefore the more needful to be so preserved by the presence of so provident and sufficient a Governor as Sir Thomas Norris is" (p. 123).

The greater portion of this long letter is taken up with complaints as to the general financial and administrative mismanagement in Ireland, and herein we note the despairing efforts of the Lord Treasurer to induce the Irish officials to furnish trustworthy accounts as to the large supplies of money and victuals which had been provided for the army in Ireland. Lord Ormonde was told that the 2,000 more men for whom he had asked should be sent to him as soon as possible, but in the mean time, although he said plainly that there were too many Irishmen in the ranks and that "the bands are generally stuffed with Irish so as three parts of four are of that country birth," the Council would not take the responsibility of ordering him to discharge them for fear that they should join the enemy and "not only strengthen the rebels with their persons, but instruct and inform them with their own knowledge that they have gotten" (p. 128). Money and men were however promised, with 900 veterans from Picardy to stiffen the recruits, but for the present Lord Ormonde was advised to confine his attention to the defence of the Pale throughout the winter and "to the preservation of the fort of the Blackwater and also to see the town and forts at Knockfergus be preserved either

from invasion or treasons of the neighbours there, both Irish and Scottish" (p. 130). On December 11 Lord Ormonde was again informed that money and clothing were on their way and that the Picardy troops would land at Waterford "because we cannot find ships to conduct them through St. George's Channel to Dublin," whilst the Lord Treasurer piteously hopes that the absence of the much desired books of accounts and muster rolls may be attributed only to the "contrariety of the winds, which have been commonly for the most part easterly," "which is out of the power of man and therefore to be indured at God's will," and that when the wind changed full information on all points would be received (p. 186).

That the Lord Treasurer's hopes were however doomed to disappointment we may see by the letters to the Irish Government and their enclosures of December 28 (pp. 207-218) "in response to sundry your late letters written this month of December," which can have contained but little satisfactory information. In these letters the accounts of the Irish Treasurer and Victualler and the returns of the Muster Master, Sir Ralph Lane, are severely criticised, accurate information is demanded as to the escheated lands in Munster and the rents of the Undertakers and their observance of the contracts under which they held their lands, the claims of the Lords Justices as to the perquisites incident to their office were regulated, and the Council complain that it is not made clear to them whether some of the "unfortunate accidents" which had lately occurred were due to "the folly of the English or the malice of the rebel" (p. 209). The upshot, however, of the general letter was that so far as Ulster was concerned Lord Ormonde should do his best to make separate arrangements with Tyrone and the McDonnells of Antrim in order that Sir Conyers Clifford, who had succeeded Sir Richard Bingham in command in Connaught, might be able to make head against O'Donnell, who was at present backed by the support of Tyrone.

The one encouraging feature in the intelligence received from Ireland was no doubt the news of the success which had thus far rewarded the exertions of Sir Conyers Clifford, who had established good relations with some of the Connaught Chieftains, had encouraged them to resist O'Donnell and had even set up Sheriffs in the counties of Sligo, Mayo and Roscommon, but as usual the financial arrangements required explanation and it was not at all clear how many men were actually under arms and in receipt of the Queen's pay.

As however Sir Geoffrey Fenton, the Irish Secretary, was at last to return to his post the Council hint to Lord Ormonde that he may "for your more ease use him to write oftener unto us, and that particularly of all accidents there, without drawing your Lordship from the greater causes you shall have in hand" (p. 210).

The next occasion on which the Council dealt at length with Irish business was on January 26, 1597-8, when a reply was sent to several letters brought over by Lord Thomond, which, as referring principally to the negotiations with Tyrone, were specially brought under the Queen's notice and answered in accordance with her instructions (pp. 267-279).

Inasmuch as the Council had reason to believe that the King of Spain intended to renew his attacks on England or Ireland, it being stated that "he keepeth his fleet and army together at Ferrol and about Lisbon," and that "his army and navy remaineth ready to be prepared to come to the sea this present year," the Irish Government were informed that the Queen had no intention of relaxing her precautions either afloat or ashore, being "well able to perform the same by the large offers and grants made to her in this Parliament," but at the same time they were given to understand that "offers are very lately made to her Majesty and the French King to treat of a general peace" and that "her Majesty mindeth to join with the French King to give ear to such motions as shall be made for peace on

the behalf of the King of Spain, which are in words and messages offered by the Archduke of Austria to the said French King, both for himself and the Queen's Majesty, and for that purpose according to the request of the French King her Majesty sendeth certain her Ministers, whereof I, the Secretary, am one, to understand further the issues of these offers, which time will shortly prove what may be trusted thereto, and yet in the mean time nothing shall be left here undone that may tend to make ready forces both by sea and land to withstand the Spanish forces. Thus much we have thought good to impart unto you as Councillors of State, the discovery whereof to be known to the rebel, being wisely used, we think may do good to move the rebels to desist from their expectation of aid from Spain" (p. 275).

The general purport of this letter, however, was that peace must be made at almost any price with Tyrone, and the following passage may be taken as summing up the conclusion at which the Queen and her Government had arrived after taking all circumstances into consideration:—"And therefore now at this present her Majesty without change of her former determination would have both you, the Lords Justices, and you, the Lieutenant General, proceed for the execution of the said directions, and considering the state of that realm, how chargeable and dangerous a matter it is to have this rebellion continued, her Majesty is moved in compassion of the miseries of that realm to extend her mercy and favour in a larger sort than otherwise the offences of her rebels by any kind of submission can deserve. And therefore if in treating further with him [Tyrone] to induce him to assent to all the articles prescribed by her Majesty, which were in number 13, though some of them are very necessary to be urged and obtained, yet as in the last article mention is made that if he shall refuse to yield to all those articles and yet shall yield to so many of them as shall appear necessary to give assurance of his loyalty and obedience, that assurance being well had by

good pledges and by disarming of his extraordinary forces, he may for the present time be forborne to yield to the other harder points that shall not be so necessary, hoping that when he shall taste of her Majesty's favour and be well satisfied with assurance for continuance of the same he may hereafterward yield more frankly to the rest of the articles now prescribed unto him " (p. 270).

How little was gained by this concession we now know well, for by May 28, 1598, the Council were under no illusions as to Tyrone's motives and in a letter to Lord Ormonde they allude to "divers writings of letters betwixt you and the said arch-traitor, by which we perceive his cunning disposition to serve his own turn by winning of time and by breaking of his faith and word with you, for which we doubt not but you, the Lord Lieutenant, have sufficient cause both to hate him and to pursue him with all extremity, as we hope you will upon the arrival of these 2,000 for your supply therewith seek to abate the traitor's pride, and omit no good means to gain some parties against him whom he doth tyrannously misuse" (p. 471).

The condition of the army in Ireland as disclosed by the entries in the Register was indeed such as might well have induced any commander to remain on the defensive. In January it is said that for such an important enterprise as the victualling of the Blackwater Fort there were only 600 men fit "to go to the field" out of eighteen companies "and the like defects seem to be in Connaught and other parts of the realm, though thereof no certain declaration is made unto us. And so we well see by some books sent now unto us a strange and uncertain declaration differing in the books sent hither signed by Sir Ralph Lane, whereof the one containeth a monstrous declaration of the numbers of all men in pay to be 9,904, and the monthly charge 11,405*l. sterling*, such a book as never was warrantable, as we think, since the first conquest of Ireland. And yet if that monstrous certificate should be accepted there is to be added to that charge a

loss to her Majesty in prices of victual of above 1,000*l.* a month, for so it is to be gathered by the Victualler's certificate lately made, wherein is contained that her Majesty hath been charged for overprice of victuals to the army with above 12,000*l.* in expending of 24,000*l.*"

"And besides this excessive book there is another sent unto us, signed also by Sir Ralph Lane, containing 674 horsemen and 7,500 footmen, the same being numbered as they be in the rolls without any manner of deduction either for absents or deficientes. And likewise a third book, signed by him also, containing in a total number 2,060 footmen and 219 horsemen, in which book all the captains serving in Ulster, having charge most of them of 100, the same are so deficient as many of them have not above fifty and some scant thirty. The view of all which three various papers thus certified without any book of the checks either for victuals or defect of numbers breedeth in us here a great discontentation, and an hard opinion of any diligence there used either for maintenance of the strength of the army or diminution of her Majesty's charges" (p. 271).

In May, however, after considering all the documents laid before them the Council were of opinion that out of an establishment of 520 cavalry there were more than 100 who had no actual existence, and that there was a deficiency of nearly 2,000 foot soldiers out of a nominal total of 6,000, without taking into account the retinues of the Lords Justices and the garrisons of the fortified posts (p. 472), and it was accordingly decided to send over the reinforcement of 2,000 infantry for which Lord Ormonde had asked (p. 519). Amongst these however the contingent from Picardy appears at first to have been reckoned as providing 900 veteran soldiers, and as early as November, 1597, the Admiral in the Narrow Seas had been directed to convoy these troops from St. Valery to the Isle of Wight, their ultimate destination being Ireland, though this was not to be made known to the soldiers until they were safely

embarked (p. 97). Ammunition, transports and clothing were therefore provided for 900 men (pp. 157–163), but a series of mishaps long prevented their reaching Ireland (p. 275), and on their arrival, in spite of elaborate precautions as to musters, there were but 612 present with the colours, though the total number paid for on embarkation was said to have exceeded eleven hundred (p. 471).

When this could happen in the case of troops who had presumably been counted by the head as they went on board and had been under supervision ever since they sailed, we need not be surprised to learn that many of the soldiers who were returned as living more or less at free quarters in Ireland existed only in the captains' pay sheets. Whatever hope the Government may have had of checking this abuse was disappointed in consequence of the untoward death of Maurice Kiffin (p. 276), who being sent over expressly to review the books of the Muster Master had given promise of unusual probity in the exercise of his duty, and all that could be done was to appeal to the honour of the Lords Justices to see that "the English soldiers sent from hence may not be suffered as heretofore they have been to disband themselves and run away," "chiefly by the negligence and lewd behaviour of some of the captains who for their private and dishonest gain do dismiss the English and entertain the Irish that live for the most part upon the country" (p. 571). It was obvious, however, now that the actual field state of the army was disclosed, that the 2,000 men demanded by Lord Ormonde would not be sufficient, and it is stated in an entry of July 9 that a garrison of horse and foot, recruited both in England and Wales, was to be sent to occupy a post upon Lough Foyle (p. 567), who were instructed on July 29 to meet at a port called Olderfleet near Carrickfergus and from thence to proceed in their transports to Lough Foyle (p. 629). Possibly this port near Carrickfergus was the place mentioned in January under the name of Underfleet as having been betrayed to the enemy and doubtless since recovered (p. 278).

Amongst the troops intended for the garrison of Lough Foyle were included certain companies of Low Country troops who served with Lord Essex in the "Islands Voyage," and were now quartered in the West (pp. 612-635), and also a small body of horse who were raised partly by means of contributions levied from the clergy at the rate of 30*l.* for the horse and the equipment of each horseman (pp. 582, 587, 635) and partly by means of contributions levied on the richer Recusants, a list of whom is given (pp. 589, 625).

The entries relating to Irish finance in this volume are of great interest in that they preserve for us the latest evidence of the untiring industry and scrupulous attention to detail which were characteristic of the Lord High Treasurer. That Lord Burghley refused to be satisfied with the accounts furnished to him by the Irish officials is not surprising when we note how closely he scrutinised the proposals for expenditure which were laid before the Council (*passim*), even the agreements with the clothing and victualling contractors being considered by the Board (pp. 59, 519-522, 566). Fortunate were the few Irish claimants who were paid in full (pp. 34-47); some received only a small sum down with a promise of future payment of the balance (p. 156), but a long list is given of Irish creditors and their representatives, of whom most were content, perforce, to receive a sum of money down in full discharge of their claims, the saving to the Crown being no less than 1,300*l.* out of a total of 9,500*l.*, the balance saved being charged to the Irish Treasurer, to be afterwards accounted for by him (pp. 615-622). It is noticeable, however, that loans amounting to 3,400*l.* raised by the Irish Government in Dublin and London were, fortunately for the lenders, repaid in full (p. 565).

How heavily the penurious economy of the Lord Treasurer pressed upon the representatives of those who had died in the Queen's service in Ireland may be seen by several instances in the list already mentioned, but the most

remarkable case is that of Lord Burgh, the late Lord Deputy, whose inopportune death occurred before he had time to wipe off the advances which had been made to him to enable him to take up his appointment. The case for the Crown is clearly stated in the preamble of the entry dated October 30, 1597, by which Commissioners were appointed to realise the estate:—"Among many matters that have come to consideration by the sudden and unexpected death of the late Lord Deputy concerning the public service of that realm and himself, it hath been thought meet, forasmuch as he is supposed to have died in debt unto her Majesty by the imprests of divers sums of money which he received beforehand, that some order should speedily be taken for such means as he hath left to yield her Majesty satisfaction. And because it is certainly known that at the time of his decease he was possessed of divers goods of very good value that he had there in Ireland, as money, jewels, plate, household stuff, horses and many other things of reckoning, all which ought to be made answerable first and especially to the satisfying of her Majesty and afterwards to others that have any right or interest to them, and seeing it is to be required of the Lady Burgh, as administratrix of her late husband, that she should be accountable unto her Majesty for the debts of her said late husband, it is agreeable to justice and to good conscience that before any others be served with the said goods (whatsoever claim of debt be made to any particular persons) that her Majesty have her right, and that the said lady should have the means to satisfy her Majesty by the recovery of such goods as her late husband hath left behind him" (p. 70). Other entries relate to the measures taken for collecting the property comprised in the estate (pp. 74, 112, 115), but the Council were not satisfied that due progress was being made and insisted that one of the late Lord Deputy's household should resign the valuables which he had appropriated in satisfaction of his own claims (p. 199), and complained on February 24, 1597-8, that the Com-

missioners did not receive sufficient assistance from the Irish Government in the collection of the income due to him as Lord Deputy from Irish sources (pp. 336-337).

What was the result of the realisation does not appear in the Register, but we know from the Hatfield Papers that Lady Burgh was distressed for want of money, and that probably the annuity which Sir Francis Vere agreed to pay her out of his salary as Governor of Brill, to which post he was appointed after Lord Burgh's death, was not paid with great regularity.

That the Lord Deputy of Ireland should also be allowed to hold the lucrative post of Governor of Brill need not surprise us, as this was a period when nearly every duty was performed by deputy, the emoluments being received by the man to whom the office had been granted by favour or for a price, who thereupon discharged his responsibility by appointing a representative who for a pittance was willing to undertake the duties and looked to make his own profit by speculation or extortion. This, however, was the custom of that age in every rank of life and indeed has only in recent years become discredited, as will be evident when we remember that our grandfathers and fathers did not think it strange that Sir Arthur Wellesley should hold the command in Portugal whilst he was Chief Secretary for Ireland or that the Clerk of the Council should hold a lucrative appointment in a West Indian Island which he had never seen.

There are many entries which relate to appointments and promotions in the Irish army and several as to pensions charged on Irish revenues (*passim*), whilst several members of notorious or distinguished Irish families are mentioned in terms of favour which future events were not to justify (pp. 13, 44, 373). The decision as to lands in dispute between Donnel O'Sullivan and his uncle, Sir Owen O'Sullivan, is again revised by the Council (p. 433); Florence McCarthy and his dissatisfied relations also give occasion for several entries in addition to those with reference to the claims of the Crown to the forfeited property of the late Earl of Clancarty

(pp. 217, 396, 539, 611), and in this connection it may be noted that the Council was careful to safeguard the interests acquired by Nicholas Browne, the great Munster Undertaker (p. 18); that the Seignory granted to Denzil Holles had already passed into other hands (p. 437); that Sir Walter Raleigh was endeavouring to enlarge the circuit of his vast possessions in Ireland (p. 239), and, as has before been mentioned, that the Crown had become anxious to know "how the inhabitants of the escheated lands of Munster do inhabit their lands and how they answer their rents, and how many of them be absent and how many do, contrary to their covenant, let out their lands to the Irish for their private lucre" (p. 217). In this sentence we see briefly mentioned the germ of the catastrophe which swept away the Undertakers and their improvements so soon as the rebellion spread over Munster in the following year, when the few English settlers who had been "planted" on the confiscated lands were outnumbered and destroyed by their Irish fellow-tenants. It is, however, but just to Sir Walter Raleigh's memory to note that he had done more than any of the other Undertakers to "inhabit" the land and to introduce English settlers, and that if all had followed his example and observed the covenants of their grants the loss of life and property would probably have been much less. When this catastrophe occurred the head rents of which we read in Longford and Connaught no doubt became still more difficult to collect (p. 37).

That the plan of allowing private individuals to undertake to provide "light horse" for Ireland had not been very successful is shown by several entries relating to the troop of 70 cavalry which were to be jointly furnished by the late Lord Kildare and Captain Malby (pp. 300, 312, 540-542). Many entries relate to the provision of grain for the Irish garrisons, and the money to be paid for its purchase and transport (pp. 369, 379, 515, 519, 552), and in one instance a cargo of rye intended for Bristol was seized by the Government in transit (p. 366).

In spite of the desire to protect the Irish forests the demand for casks for salted provisions for the Navy and the Irish garrisons was so urgent that the ships which took the Picardy troops to Ireland were ordered to bring back 50,000 pipe-staves and 50,000 hogshead staves from Wexford (p. 637), the Lord Treasurer being one of those who signed the letter which authorised the Irish Treasurer to supply these staves at his own price and even empowered him to "yield to such further allowance as shall be reasonable" for their carriage to Wexford, "importing so much the present necessity of her Majesty's service not to be disappointed of these provisions" (p. 141). Under these circumstances we may be quite sure that Sir Henry Wallop was no loser by the transaction.

The entries as to the Low Countries during this period are of but little interest except when it was feared that the Cardinal Archduke intended a formal siege of Ostend (pp. 48, 49), whereupon four of the English companies which had served under Baskerville in Picardy were thrown into the town and a reinforcement of 1,000 men got ready in the South of England to sail for Ostend under the charge of Sir Charles Percy and Sir Oliver Lambert. With regard to the former officer, however, it was thought necessary to appeal to the patriotism of Sir Edward Norris, the Governor, "because it is not unknown unto us that there hath been exceeding great unkindness between you, in regard that at this time he hath undertaken this service for the relief of that place we are in her Majesty's name to charge you not only to lay aside all former displeasure that hath passed between you, but if it shall happen the gentleman do remain there engaged so that he cannot get forth again without exposing himself to imminent peril, that you will hear his advice and counsel in all matters concerning the defence of that place according to her Majesty's pleasure, as he hath promised us on his behalf to forget all former unkindness and to dispose himself to concur with you in all friendly sort. Of which

your discretion in this cause, although we have no reason to believe otherwise than that you will [lay] aside all private passion in respect of public duty, yet could we not but as Councillors admonish you thereof for your better caution" (p. 88).

This was on November 2, but on the next day intelligence came that "the Cardinal hath left off his purpose for the siege of Ostend" and the preparations were accordingly countermanded (pp. 95, 98). Amongst the reinforcements which were to have been thrown into Ostend were 200 men who had originally been drawn from the Low Countries for service under Lord Essex in the "Islands Voyage," and were at that moment quartered at Portsmouth, several other companies of the same troops, all of whom were eventually designated for the expedition to Lough Foyle, being quartered in the West, the numerous entries as to their pay and clothing showing that they were borne on the Low Country establishment and received the same rates of pay and allowances as if they were still serving there (pp. 142-144, 148, 150, 195-198, 577).

With regard however to the detachment drawn from the Picardy contingent it is evident that the order countermanding their transfer to Ostend must have been given too late, as we find them there on November 25, when the Low Country Paymaster was instructed to pay them at the Low Country rate (p. 153), and we note in July, 1598, that they were to receive the usual summer clothing as part of the garrison of Ostend (p. 576). This latter entry however would appear to conflict with a letter written to Sir Robert Sidney on February 2, 1597-8, in reply to a complaint that his garrison of Flushing had been unduly weakened in order to provide men "for an extraordinary employment," *i.e.* the "Islands Voyage," in which he is informed that three of the four Picardy companies at Ostend were to be transferred to Flushing so soon as he could send shipping to bring them away now that all danger of a siege was removed (p. 295). No doubt the

transfer of the companies was duly made and the later order as to their clothing described them as still being at Ostend by a clerical error.

Another transfer however was ordered in July in a letter which was one of the last signed by the Lord Treasurer before his death, and this was the interchange of the Commissaries of the Musters at Ostend and Flushing. This was no doubt in pursuance of the policy which the Government had tried unsuccessfully to introduce into Ireland by which the checking officers were to be moved about from one station to another, in order that there might be less inducement and opportunity given to them for conniving at the dishonest practices of the captains by which fraudulent returns of the strength of the companies were made to the Government.

To what condition the Irish army was reduced by this system of fraud has already been noted and also the remarkable case of the Picardy troops who were transferred to Ireland. The directions by which the Low Country Commissaries were to be guided were no doubt sufficiently precise to prevent such abuses in the future if they had been followed (pp. 605-607).

That the Low Country Governors had but little to say as to the selection of their officers is shown by several entries and especially by that relating to the transfer of a company at Ostend, which was given by the Council to Sir Callisthenes Brooke apparently without consulting Sir Edward Norris (p. 513). Other entries relate to the seizure at Ostend and Brill of alleged traitors and spies, who were at once sent over to London (pp. 149, 228, 426, 453), but the great prize was the Spanish Governor of Dunkirk, Don Francisco d'Aquilar Alvarado, whose capture, mentioned in entries of September 23, 1597, was thought of such importance that it was doubtful whether the Dutch soldiers of the Ostend garrison would allow him to be transferred to England, or if so, whether Sir Edward Norris would consent to entrust

him to the care of the Admiral of the Narrow Seas, but would not insist on coming over himself with him (pp. 10, 11). This valuable prisoner was at length brought to Dover and eventually handed over to the care of Sir Henry Norris at Deptford, 14*l.* 5*s.* being paid to the Lieutenant of Dover Castle for his maintenance on December 1, 1597 (p. 165).

In July, 1598, however, Don Francisco was still an unransomed prisoner, as is shown by the following instruction to the Marshal of Ostend:—"Whereas Don Francisco, &c., was sent hither, where he hath remained these three quarters of a year with great charges and expenses, for which regard and humble suit made by him to be sent to Ostend, where he will be nearer to his friends and the better and speedier means may be wrought for his ransom, her Majesty is pleased that you, having the charge of him here, shall see him transported safely from hence under your charge to Ostend, to be delivered there to Sir Edward Norris, the Governor of that place, to be kept and disposed of by him, wherein these shalbe your sufficient warrant" (p. 563).

There are very few entries of interest relating to France during this period, as most of them refer merely to the withdrawal of the English contingent which had been serving in Picardy, to which allusion has already been made, but several entries refer to the difficulties which attended English suitors in French law courts (pp. 177, 200-202, 234, 361), and in one instance a letter was written in French by the Council to the King's Secretary of State in support of the just claims of an English subject (p. 523). Care was taken to remove all cause of complaint on the part of the French King against England, detained corn ships being released which were said by the Ambassador to be carrying grain for the French army in Brittany (p. 193), but it does not appear in the Register whether British subjects received better treatment in consequence. These difficulties, however, were not without their use, as they afforded a decent pretext for sending Sir Robert Cecil on a special mission to France

in January, 1597-8, accompanied by a Clerk of the Council and a legal adviser, to whom all information as to their alleged wrongs was to be furnished by the aggrieved persons (pp. 234, 249, 361). This was the last piece of service to be undertaken by Sir Thomas Wilkes, the Clerk of the Council, as he was taken ill on the journey and died at Rouen, so that Sir Robert Cecil had not the benefit of his advice during his negotiations with the French Court, which, as we have seen above, were concerned with more important matters than mercantile and legal disputes, though they did not result in peace with Spain (p. 275).

The entries during the earlier weeks of the period covered by this volume of the Register give indeed no sign that peace was possible with Spain. It is true that on September 29 the Council complacently wrote to the Governor of Guernsey and Jersey as to the reduction of the garrison of the Channel Isles that "the time of the year is so far past for any sea service as little doubt is to be conceived of any attempt of the enemy this winter season, which is near at hand" (p. 27), but times and seasons went for little with the autocrat in the Escorial, who sent his last Armada to sea just as Lord Essex and his fleet were on their way back from their unsuccessful attempt to intercept the Plate Fleet at the Azores—an enterprise which was thoroughly mismanaged.

On October 26 the Council "were certainly advertised that there is at this present a fleet of the King of Spain at the sea holding course toward the coasts of England or Ireland, and thereupon it is supposed that some dangerous enterprise and attempt is intended to be made by the enemy upon some part of her Majesty's realm where the enemy shall find most convenient descent" (p. 50), and the authorities of the Southern ports were ordered to send out their "best fisher-boats" "to discover and espy what may be known of the enemy's course" (p. 51); the admiral in the Narrow Seas was ordered to bring over all the Picardy troops to the Isle of Wight or to Dover or Sandwich at once (pp. 52, 55, 56); Sir Ferdinando Gorges at Plymouth was instructed

to keep an eye on Falmouth, as being "convenient for descent," but only "so far forth as you shall not thereby leave Plymouth and your own charge in hazard and peril" (p. 53); Sir Charles Blunt was sent to assist in the defence of Portsmouth, in which were quartered some of the men who had already returned in the *St. Andrew*, an unseaworthy Cadiz prize, from the fleet at the Azores (pp. 53, 65); the trained bands in the maritime counties were called out (p. 57), and instructions were given to the Victualler to get ready a stock of provisions for the fleet under Lord Essex, which was expected to arrive in the Western ports "within few days" (pp. 56, 61). This was on October 26 and as a matter of fact the fleet had already arrived when this order was given and on November 2 Essex was in London (p. 81), but in his absence Lord Thomas Howard, Lord Mountjoy and Sir Walter Raleigh were given a free hand with the necessary preparations for defence in the West (pp. 67, 75). On November 5, however, the period of tension was over, as the Council were informed by Lord Thomas and Lord Mountjoy that "the Spanish fleet was so severed by the storms as it is forced back upon their own coasts," and were "not likely in short time to be so repaired, howsoever their purpose may continue, as to be able speedily to pursue their former enterprise" (p. 99). Such was the inglorious result of Philip's obstinacy in forcing his ill-found Armada to sea in stormy autumn weather.

"*Adflavit ventus et dissipati sunt*"; once more the elements had fought, and fought alone, for England, so that all that now remained to be done was to send round to Chatham the ships which had returned from the Azores, to distribute the Low Country soldiers who had served in them amongst the Western fortresses (pp. 100, 101, 107) and to write letters of reproof or thanks to local authorities in accordance with their deserts (pp. 111, 113). In a crisis like this all local authorities were not able to rise to the occasion; the citizens of Bristol were reported to be "altogether unarmed and unwilling to be at the charge to be furnished as they ought

to be," and though the authorities of Merioneth and Cardigan seem to have secured a Spanish ship and her crew which had been driven on to their coast (p. 110), the Pembroke-shire authorities permitted another to escape, which was reported to be a treasure ship (p. 121), and allowed unauthorised persons to plunder another storm-bound ship which had hung out a flag of truce (p. 119).

The allusions to the "Islands Voyage" are but few, but an entry of September 20 records the arrival of Sir George Carew in the *St. Matthew*, a ship which had, like the *St. Andrew*, been taken from the Spaniards at Cadiz, and the following extract shows how handsomely the Council acquitted the commander of all blame:—"Though her Majesty having by us taken knowledge of your misfortune and your return and the occasion thereof, be sorry to find you so cast back and severed from the rest of her Fleet, nevertheless you shall understand that she is so far from imputing any fault or cause thereof unto yourself, as albeit your return had not been justified in such sort as it is by the testimony of all the officers of her ships, yet her Majesty would never have had other opinion but that you were enforced thereto by necessity. And therefore as her Majesty maketh no doubt but your earnest desire was to accompany the rest of her Fleet in the service, so both for the satisfaction of your mind and because she is persuaded that your presence will be to very good purpose, she is well pleased that you shall address yourself again unto the sea to follow the Fleet, and hath given order that you shall have another of her ships (namely the *Adventure*) that is either there already or in some of those Western ports" (p. 5). The early return, however, of the main fleet made it impossible for Sir George to rejoin Lord Essex.

Other allusions chiefly relate to the disposal of the arms and equipment of the county levies which had served in the expedition, most of which were inventoried and left at Plymouth under the charge of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, it being left to the discretion of the counties to

whom they belonged either to send for them or to leave them in store for the use of any future levies (pp. 250, 254, 315, 322, 430). We note that a brewer is brought before the Council on a charge of supplying to the Fleet "certain corrupt and unsavoury beer," but was acquitted (p. 249); that the Controller of the Navy is directed to satisfy the claims of the owners of merchantmen taken up by Lord Essex to serve as victuallers (p. 235), but the most interesting entries refer to the one piece of good fortune which befell Lord Essex, "the great prize which was taken in this last voyage," which was unloaded at Dartmouth and the cargo sent round, under convoy of the Dreadnought, in the London ships which were returning to the Thames, special commissioners being sent down to superintend the discharge of the cargo (pp. 93-95). Whatever may have been the value of this carrack's cargo, it is plain from a later entry that the ship herself was not thought to be worth much, as the Council authorise their representative to accept from George Somers the sum of 150*l.* for her "with her anchors, cables, tackle and all other furniture," "with reservation of her ordnance for her Majesty" (p. 399).

The ordinary Border difficulties with Scotland give occasion for several entries in which we see that the Scots still refused to give up Buccleugh to answer for his exploit at Carlisle (pp. 138-140), and on the other side of the country the same obstinacy was displayed about "Jock of the Cote," a follower of the Scottish Warden, Sir Robert Ker, who was claimed under Border law by John Browne, the Recorder of Berwick (p. 405), but at last the necessary hostages or pledges were promised and instructions were given to Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, who had been appointed Governor of Berwick (pp. 367-369), to take them over from the Scottish Border authorities and to send them through the Middle Marches and the "Bishopric" to York (pp. 510-513). The Recorder of Berwick seems to have been constantly in trouble of some sort, for in December, 1597, we note that he had been assaulted by two of the servants of Lord Evre,

who was then Warden of the Middle Marches (p. 203), and in April, 1598, it is recorded that Barnaby Barnes, son of the late Bishop of Durham, had attempted to poison him (p. 393), the culprit being apprehended and sent to the Marshalsea, where he was examined as to the crime laid to his charge by the Attorney General, Francis Bacon and William Wade (p. 456).

Whatever may have been the truth as to this charge it is evident that the Middle Marches were not in a satisfactory condition. The Hatfield Papers show us that Lord Evre was not satisfied with the local support which he received, and difficulties between him and the family of Woodrington or Witherington gave rise to outrages in the county of Northumberland which led the Council to summon the culprits to appear before them (p. 279). The result was that the two parties met in the City and came to blows, Lord Evre being one of the combatants, and that Sir William Evre, the Warden's brother, was wounded so severely as to endanger his life, the Woodringtons being committed to the Counter until a "doctor of physick and two surgeons" could give a certificate that the sufferer was out of danger. It is to be noted in this connection that the prison of the Counter was "very inconvenient and noisome," and that the Lord Mayor was advised to remove the Woodringtons to "some other more convenient place of any of your prisons as may be better for their health" (pp. 443, 458, 459).

Before this riot, however, took place, it was thought better that Lord Evre, who had already asked to be relieved, should not continue to hold office as Warden of the Middle Marches, as we see from the Calendar of Border Papers, and in June, 1598, we find Sir Robert Carey, who in December, 1597, had been appointed Warden of the East Marches (p. 174), described as Warden of the Middle Marches (p. 511), an office which had been conferred on him much against his will, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, the Governor of Berwick, succeeding him as Warden of the East Marches (p. 512).

On the West Marches the English moss-troopers pursued the usual lawless tenour of their ways (p. 6), the names and nicknames being given of no less than eight Armstrongs who were charged with the murder of one of their own name, probably an informer (p. 22), but the Grahams and Carletons who had so long resisted the authority of Lord Scrope, the Warden of the West Marches, and had been detained in London until they would consent to sign a formal deed of submission, appeared before the Council on November 6, 1597, and formally undertook on their own part and for their kinsmen to live as obedient subjects were expected to live on the Border, and Lord Scrope on his part was required to accept their submission and to "forbear to prosecute anything against them or any of them which have subscribed this submission for any matter heretofore passed" (pp. 105, 106). Lord Scrope, however, like Lord Evre, does not appear to have given the Council satisfaction as an administrator. Complaints were made to the Council by one Noble of Bewcastle against Thomas Musgrave, the Captain of Bewcastle (p. 630), and the Warden was instructed to call together all the "chiefest gentlemen" in the Wardenry to review the "orders and constitutions" of the Borders, which were said to be "for the most part broken and neglected, whereby great inconveniences do arise to the weakening of the Borders and great prejudice of the subjects" (p. 614).

The few entries during this period relating to Popery and Recusancy in most instances refer to orders for some relaxation in the rigour of the confinement of Recusants either on ground of ill health or legal business, and from these entries we see that members of some of the best families in England were shut up at Ely, Banbury and Wisbech (pp. 14, 19, 102, 118, 167, 172), whilst names of equal distinction appear in the list of those from each of whom, as has already been mentioned, a contribution of 30*l.* was required to provide light horse for service in Ireland (p. 588). We note that one Recusant who had been for many years confined

in the Gatehouse was to be released on bail because "being a man of great years" he was "in peril to lose one of his legs by some humour that is fallen into it" (p. 423), and that Wisbech Castle was not particularly healthy we see by Sir John Higham's request to be allowed to move his prisoners to one of his own houses on account of "some extraordinary sickness" (p. 6), and by a later order to him to allow his prisoners "to walk abroad to take the air" in order to restore their health (p. 115). That the custody of these prisoners was not unprofitable we know because Sir John Higham was put in charge of Wisbech Castle in order to repair his fortunes, but that the gains were exaggerated appears by an entry relating that two of the officers at Wisbech had quarrelled as to the profits, one of them having bought his share from the other on the assurance that the "commodity was treble of that he findeth it to be," and the Council called upon the Lord Lieutenant of the county to enquire into the dispute, as "by this controversy between two Keepers are sundry abuses daily continued" (p. 299), whilst a minute of a letter to Sir Anthony Cope as to the refusal of the Recusants at Banbury to pay the authorised fees shows what the Council thought of such contumacy:—"We did little think to have found such obstinacy in the Recusants that are at the Castle of Banbury as we perceive by your letters, but now we find they shew themselves in all things as perverse and contemptuous as they are backward to reform themselves to her Majesty's laws, and therefore our meaning is, like as they persist in refusing to answer the Keeper for their diet and other charges as was ordered they should do, that notwithstanding any warrant or direction that may be hereafter obtained of us for the enlargement of any of them they shall be nevertheless continued under restraint until they have satisfied the Keeper of all those dues he is to have of them, both for their diet as esquires as also for their chambers and fees according to the orders of the Fleet, he being at great charges with servants and

officers for their uses and safe keeping, so few of them being there as it is a great charge and less profit to him," &c. (p. 154).

Amongst miscellaneous subjects of interest we note that the redemption of prisoners from Turkish slavery occasionally engaged the attention of the Council (p. 247), but the Lord Mayor was recommended to apply the collections made at the Spital Sermons for the redemption of such sufferers towards the relief of "divers poor mariners that are come over hither out of Spain, whereof some have been in the galleys, others have been cruelly and barbarously racked, and most of them have indured great misery," it being stated that "there are few of late years taken by the Turks" (p. 408), and other entries relate to the measures taken for the relief and ransom of those who had fallen into the power of the enemy (pp. 38, 43, 99, 164, 464). England, however, was full of Spanish prisoners taken by the Queen's ships and by privateers, who in some cases were allowed to go at large on parole, pending the receipt of their ransom, but the Lord Mayor was instructed "in regard of the hard usage that is offered to her Majesty's subjects that fall into their [Spanish] hands, and that those which were lately taken came with the Spanish fleet that was sent to invade the realm," "to see them committed to Bridewell, there to be safely kept with the diet of the house, and set a work if they be not able to pay for their diet," whilst those at Plymouth were sent to the common gaol "with some small allowance" (pp. 102, 135). A distinction moreover had to be drawn between those who had been taken and were held to ransom by the owners of private ships, who were expected to support them in captivity, and those who had been made prisoners by the local authorities, as in Pembrokeshire, arrangements being made in the latter case to deport them to Lisbon at the expense of the Treasury to be exchanged for English prisoners (pp. 175, 287, 485).

The lot of these poor men was no doubt decided according to motives of public economy or private gain, none being thus released who were likely to be ransomed by their friends, but a more peculiar interest attaches to an entry relating to 28 condemned prisoners in Newgate, the list having been submitted to the Queen with the remarks of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Recorder, and returned with a cross against 12 of the names and the letter R against the others, with the following decision:—
“All the aforementioned persons that are marked with a cross are to be proceeded withall to execution. The rest that are marked with the letter R are to be reprieved till her Majesty’s pleasure be further known” (p. 9). This is the only case in which such a list is entered in the Register, and it is noticeable that only one woman is left for execution, whereas eight are reprieved, and that one of the men escapes execution by an accident. Though it was complained that the Spaniards “cruelly and barbarously racked” some of those who fell into their hands, we note that suspected thieves and murderers were still sent to Bridewell to undergo the torture of “the manacles” in order to extort confessions (pp. 165, 187, 406). Piracy was as rife as ever, Englishmen and foreigners being plundered indifferently (pp. 68, 281-285, 324-326, 372, 495, 604), even the ship which carried the wretched Spanish prisoners to Lisbon being rifled on her voyage by the Flying Dragon of Bristol (p. 485), and local sympathy for the culprits was sometimes so strong that when apprehended and sent to prison they were suffered to escape through “wilful negligence” (p. 289). The line, too, between piracy and legitimate reprisal was not distinctly drawn, and adventurers like Lord Cumberland, though sometimes sailing with a commission from the Lord Admiral, more often cruised “for the account” (pp. 90, 171, 334).

The booty taken in the late expeditions had not sufficed to pay expenses, and in both East Anglia and the West Riding of Yorkshire the contributions of ship-money required

for the outfit of the ships engaged in the "Cadiz Voyage" were still unpaid, many entries referring to the repeated attempts made by the Council to extract payment from the local authorities (pp. 20, 66, 103, 137, 188, 319, 400, 403). The Frobishers still had a claim against the City of London for services rendered on account of the city in the expedition to Brest in 1594, in which Sir Martin Frobisher lost his life (p. 458), and the civic authorities still refused to recognise their liability to discharge the claims made on account of services performed on behalf of the city in the "Portugal Voyage" in 1589, in spite of repeated appeals from the Council in support of the applicant (p. 555).

That the Council had not been successful in its crusade against the tenement houses in London and the suburbs is evident from the minutes of certain letters to the Justices of Middlesex and to the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chief Baron, in which the blame is laid upon "certain persons of wealth" who let out their houses to undesirable tenants:—"The remedy whereof cannot be sufficiently provided in having an eye to these persons that do take those houses, being so great a number, and they cannot be justly corrected until they be taken with some offence, but in severe punishing those landlords that let out those small tenements (parcels of houses and chambers) unto unknown and base people, and from week to week, not regarding what the persons are that take the same, but to raise a vile and unconscionable lucre" (pp. 427, 428). It does not appear whether the drastic remedies proposed by the Council sufficed at that period to abate the evil which, as we know, is still with us at the present day, but that then as now the demand for house room in London exceeded the supply is plain from the statement that "though those poor folks are set at great rents, yet they make shifts to pay the same, knowing if they can hold out for three years, then the parish where they remain is tied to find and relieve them ever after" (p. 436).

The relations between the City and the Mercers' Company on the one hand and the tenants of the shops in the Royal Exchange on the other came under the notice of the Council and were referred to the consideration of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Comptroller of the Household, the tenants complaining that although they had paid to the late Lady Gresham the sum of £4,000 for 21 years' leases of their holdings, the City now sought to cancel their leases and demanded increased rentals and heavy fines (p. 444), the result being that an agreement between the parties was arrived at in accordance with the report made by the arbitrators to the Council (p. 582). In addition to the "impositions of convoys, licences and other exactions" by which the trade of the Merchant Adventurers was hampered in the United Provinces (p. 431), allusion has already been made, in connection with the reference to the Lord Treasurer as to this question (p. 601) to the disabilities under which English merchants found themselves in prosecuting their trade in that part of Northern Europe which was under the control of the German Emperor, and as it seemed unlikely that the restrictions on English trade would be withdrawn, the Council determined to terminate the privileges which had been so long enjoyed in England by the Hanseatic Merchants, and even to confiscate the Steelyard, their principal place of business in the City.

Mention is made of "a discourse concerning the Hanse Towns" compiled by one of the Clerks of the Council, which no doubt was a report on the general question of mutual facilities for trade (p. 175), and from the following entry of a minute sent to the Chamberlain of the City relating to certain Baltic merchants it is plain that only German subjects were to be denied the privilege of trading in England:—"It is to be understood that by this commandment or mandate of the Queen's Majesty there is none of the subjects of the King of Poland residing in this realm forbidden to continue, but that they may abide and use their traffic in like

sort in this realm as the subjects of England are permitted to continue their traffic in the dominions of the kingdom of Polonia, except there be any of the said kingdom of Polonia that pretending to be of the Hanzes shall be manifestly proved to have joined with the Hanzes in the unjust and slanderous complaint exhibited to the Emperor, whereupon the merchants of England are in a sort banished out of Germany, for to such it is no reason to shew other favour than is intended to the merchants of England in Germany" (p. 238). It was obvious, however, that the members of the Steelyard might, under the circumstances, take the opportunity of leaving the kingdom without discharging their debts, and to provide against this contingency instructions were given to the Lord Mayor to take security of all the Hanseatic merchants for any debts which might be proved against them, and to the Searchers of London and Gravesend and to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports to detain any of these merchants who attempted to leave England until they could show that they owed no man anything or could give security for payment (pp. 257-259).

The actual seizure of the Steelyard itself did not take place for some time in consequence of the representations of the Alderman of the Society that a favourable result of the negotiations might still be expected, and a monthly respite was granted for some time (pp. 333, 375, 413), but as the patience of the Council became exhausted, the terms of respite became generally shorter (pp. 447, 465, 509, 567, 575), until on July 19 the Lord Mayor was ordered to "forbear the seizing of the Steelyard into his hands" until July 25 (p. 598), on which day the following letter was sent to him:—"Whereas by our late letters we did require your Lordship to forbear to seize into your hands the House of the Steelyard in London until this day, we now having further advised of the cause do desire your Lordship to proceed according to her Majesty's commission to seize it into your hands and to take possession of the same, and nevertheless to permit the Alderman of the

Steelyard and such as have any goods there to have for the space of 10 days access thither as well for safe keeping of the goods as removing them, to take out their goods and household stuff out of the said House" (p. 613). This act of retaliation for the protection of English foreign trade closed for the time a commercial connection between London and the great German shipping ports which had lasted for centuries, and is but one instance amongst many of the belief then prevalent that it was possible by means of legislation to affect permanently the ordinary course of trade, of which we see other instances in the attempt to restrict the increase of dairy farms in Cheshire, of which the Council say that they "are sorry to note the great abuse that is practised both by gentlemen and other persons of ability in that county whereof you advertise us in your letter, who little regard the good of the county for their private lucre, and do not only convert tillage to the keeping of dairies, but sell beforehand the butter and cheese that they shall make unto Londoners, whereby there is both decay of tillage and that provision ingrossed where-with her Majesty hath often occasion to take up good quantity there for the victualling of her forces in Ireland" (p. 372), and also in the attempt to compel ironmasters to supply malleable iron below cost price to the Tintern wireworks which were in the hands of a company in which the Crown had a large interest (p. 491). This attempt was long unsuccessful, but when orders were given to sequester all the suitable iron belonging to the smelters, together with their factories and workshops, and it was also proposed to restrict their output on the pretence of protecting the Monmouthshire woodlands, the manufacturers consented to fulfil their bad bargain on the understanding that all outstanding questions were referred to arbitration, and were consequently released from the confinement which they had incurred for contempt of Court (pp. 549, 592-595, 611, 637).

As to the constitution of the Council, its officers and its meetings there is nothing to be added to the remarks

already made, except to point out that no mention is made of the appointment of another Clerk in succession to Sir Thomas Wilkes; that "the Little Council Chamber" is mentioned as a place of meeting for the first time (p. 199); that the Keeper of the Council Chamber received but twenty-four pounds "for his attendance and pains taken and for provision of boughs, flowers and other necessities for the said Chamber, and for his charges in the Progress time for his stuff and lodging for one whole year" (p. 387) and that the Council's respect for Lent (pp. 338, 366) did not prevent their meeting for ordinary business on Good Friday, April 14, 1598.

J. R. D.

Atheneum Club,
April 6, 1904.

ERRATA.

- Page 26, last line but one, *for* "Denicke" *read* "Devicke."
- „ 42, first marginal note, *for* "reputation" *read* "regulation."
- „ 96, 16 lines from foot, *for* "1579" *read* "1597."
- „ 148, last marginal note, *for* "satisfaction" *read* "fortification."
- „ 187, line 5, *for* "November" *read* "December."
- „ 326, 9 lines from foot, *for* "Mr. Buckhurst" *read* "Lord Buckhurst."
- „ 362, marginal note, *for* "Bombay" *read* "Barbary."
- „ 404, line 2, *after* "17th" *read* "(sic)." [Easter Sunday fell on April 16th.]
- „ 521, line 13, *for* "please" *read* "pease."
- „ 685, Index, line 13, *dele* comma *after* "Howard" *and add* "Lord Steward during the Session of Parliament," *after* "Admiral."

ACTS
OF
THE PRIVY COUNCIL
IN THE REIGN OF
QUEEN ELIZABETH.

COUNCIL REGISTER.

ELIZABETH, VOL. XIV.

1597.

**Anno* 1597. The names of the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Counsaile.

Doctor John Whitgifte, Lord Archbishope of Canterbury.

Sir Thomas Egerton, knight, Lord Keeper of the Greate Seale of England.

Sir William Cecyll, knight, Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England.

Robert, Earle of Essex, †[created] Earle Marshall of England, etc.

Charles †[Howard, Lord Howard of Effingham, created] Earle of Nottingham, Lord High Admirall of England.

Sir George Carie, knight, Lord Hunsdon, Lord Chamberlaine to her Majesty.

Sir Roger Northe, knight, Lord Northe, Treasurer of her Majesty's Howseholde.

Sir Thomas Sackvile, knight, Lord Buckhurst.

Sir William Knollys, knight, Comptroler of her Majesty's Howseholde.

Sir Robert Cecyll, knight, Principall Secretary to her Majestie.

Sir John Fortescue, knight, Chancelor of the Exchequer.

* At the head of this leaf, of which the reverse is blank, is the number 20.

† The words in square brackets have been subsequently added.

p. 1.

At Theobaldes, 20 September, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Sir Robert Cecyll.

Sir John Fortescue.

A new Deputy
Lieutenant
for Hereford-
shire.

A letter to the Lord Keeper. Having bin advertised from our very good Lord the Earle of Penbroke, her Majesty's Lieutenant of the countie of Hereford, that it is needfull for the better dispatch and perfourmance of her Majesty's service to increase the number of Deputie Lieutenantes in the said countie, and havinge therupon considered of some fitt person to be added unto those that are already in Comission, wee do finde aswell by the speciall comendacion given to Mr. Harbert Croftes by the said Earle, her Majesty's Lieutenant, as also by the knowledge that wee our selves have of the gentleman, that a verie meete choise maie be made of him for his sufficiency in all respectes to do her Majestie good service in that place. Wee do therfore comend the said Harbert Croftes unto your Lordship, prayinge you to cause the Commission of Lieutenancie for the countie of Hereford to be renewed unto the said Earle with an addicion therin of Harbert Croftes' name unto the former Deputie Lieutenantes in that countie, according to a Commission that her Majestie hath graunted unto your Lordship under the Greate Seale of England for the supplyinge of Deputie Lieutenantes as occasion shall require. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir George Carew, knight. Though her Majestie havinge by us taken knowledge of your misfortune and your returne and the occasion thereof, be sorry to finde you so caste backe and severed from the rest of her Fleete, nevertheles you shall understand that she is so farre from imputing any faulte or cause thereof unto your self, as albeit your returne had not bin justified in such sorte as it is by the testimony of all the officers of her shipps, yet her Majestie would never have had other opinion but that you were enforced thereto by necessitie. And therfore as her Majestie maketh no doubt but your earnest desire was to accompanie the rest of her Fleete in the service, so both for the satisfaccion of your minde and because she is perswaded that your presence wilbe to very good purpose, she is well pleased that you shall addresse your self againe unto the sea to follow the Fleete, and hath given order that you shall have another of her shippes (namely the Adventure) that is either there already or in some of those Westernne portes, which shippe you are to furnish with the victuall and other necessities that you have brought backe, without any new expence and further charge unto her Majestie for the setting forthe of that shippe. For the better dispatch hereof her Majestie hath comaunded that Langford shall come downe to paie the companie of the St. Mathew, and I, the Lord Admirall, have also appointed one to go downe to take especiall care that the shippe which you have brought backe maie be disposed of there in safe harbour, and such of her furniture and other thinges as you shall finde cause to disbarque out of her and to put on lande maie be so ordered and comitted unto the custodie of the Lord Mountjoye's lieutenant and William Winter as the same maie not be imbezeled or by evill usage made unserviceable when there shalbe neede thereof, wherein above all other thinges her Majestie chargeth you to have good care of the unladinge and disposinge of the powder in saftie. And because you shalbe the better welcome to the Lord

Sir George
Carew driven
back from
the Fleet.

Generall before you departe her Majesty's pleasure is that you shall receave letters from her self to be delivered to her Generall, which shall come to your handes before you shall be in readynes to putt to sea. And that you maie the better know how much her Majestie doth esteeme of your service and repute you worthy of the truste that she repositeth in you, wee do thinke verie meete to lett you know her owne gracious wordes that she much preferred your owne saftie before the saftie of the shippe, and could rather have wished that the shippe should have miscarried then your self should have perished, and therfore you maie do well to proceed with good confidence in her Majesty's allowaunce of your endeavors after you have safely bestowed the thinges of waight and chardge in your shippe. So expecting to heare from you againe as you shall see cause of further advertisement unto us, wee bidd, &c.

p. 2.

Sickness in
Wisbech
Castle.

* From
Tyballs, and
delivered to
my Lord
North's man.

A letter to Sir John Higham. That whereas the said Sir John Higham had by a letter written to the Lord Northe signified some extraordinary sicknesse growen amongst the Recusantes at Wisbish Castle in the Isle of Ely, and therupon desired some direccion from their Lordships either for the enlardgment of the said prisoners or for their remove to a howse of his called Barrow, it was therfore thought good rather to remove them to his said howse then to sett them at liberty, so as he would undertake for their safe custodie in his howse, and accordingly direccion was given by the letter. Entered here briefly because the letter was sent awaie in haste.

A peremptory
summons.

A warrant to Adam Kinge, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, to bringe before their Lordships Walter Edmondes of Bayles Courte, Allen Cooke of Burie and Thomas Knightes of Yapton in the countie of Sussex, gentlemen.

The Grahams
and the
Armstrongs.

Two warrantes, the one to the Keeper of the Compter in Wood Strete to receave into his custodie the bodie of Thomas Armestronge, the other to the Keeper of the Marshalseas to receave Andrew Grayme, and them to keepe as close prisoners.

* Original marginal note.

Hyegate. 18 September, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland. Wee have bin enformed by captaine Edward Russell that since his cominge over into England you have taken from him his companie of 50 horse, whereof he had the leadinge, and disposed of the same to one captain Fleminges, an Irishman. If your Lordship had founde cause to discharge the bande for the ease and abatement of her Majesty's great expence wee should have liked well thereof, and captaine Russell himself could have taken no excepcion therunto, but the company having bin erected upon his owne charge and continuing in her Majesty's paye wee cannot think it fitter for any man then for him, and the rather because he is not only knowen unto us to be a gentleman of good desert, but his good service hath bin heretofore testified from thence by letters of speciall recomendacion unto us from the Lord Deputie and the Councell there. Howbeit wee doubt not but that which your Lordship hath donne is upon good advisement, neither will we prejudicate any of your actions. Only these are to request you, if there be not some speciall cause of his remove that is unknowen unto us, that your Lordship will take order for restoaring of him to the said charge, otherwise to certefie us of the cause, that wee maie accordinglie make him answeare. If your Lordship have bin enformed that he hath a pension of her Majestie and in that respect have displaced him from his companie, he hath desired us to assure your Lordship that he hath no pension at all. And so not doubtinge but you will satisfie us herein and do that which is best for her Majesty's service, wee bidd, &c.

An officer's
complaint.

18 September, 1597.

This daie Walter Edmondes of Bayles Courte and Allen p. 3.
Cooke of Burie and Thomas Knightes of Yapton in the
countie of Sussex, gentlemen, havinge bin sent for by their
Council.

Appearances
before the
Council.

Lordships' warrant to answer such matters as are to be objected against them have made their apparances accordingly, which for their indempnities is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honors from tyme to tyme at their meetinge in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their honors' order they shalbe dismissed.

Richmond. 21 September, 1597.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Corn ships to
be stopped in
the Channel.

* Delivered to
the Poste of
the Courte by
the handes of
Thomas
Fynnett,
one of the
Messengers of
her Majesty's
Chamber.

A letter to Sir Henry Palmer. Wee are straightlie charged and comaunded by her Majesty to lett you understand that it is her expresse pleasure and resolute determinacion that you shall make staye of all such shippinge as being laden with corne or any other unlawfull comodities you shall finde passinge from the East Countreyes or from the Low Countries thoroughe the Narrow Seas, and bringe them into the Downes without doing any spoile uppon the said shippinge or takinge from them any comoditie or offering violence unto any persons in them unlesse they shall make resistaunce. And whereas her Majestie is advertised that there is cominge from Amsteludam (*sic*) 50 sayle or thereaboutes that are so fraught as aforesaid and bounde for Spaine, her pleasure is that you shall with all dilligence lye in waite for them and make staye of them, acceptinge no excuse or pretence of their voyadge to Fraunce or any other place. For the better strengthening of you in this service her Majesty's pleasure is that the Antelope and Tramontana shall come and joyne with you, for the which wee have accordingly given direccion. So wee bidd, &c.

Putney. 20 September, 1597.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Chamberlaine.

A list of
condemned
prisoners.

A letter to the Lord Maior, Sheriffes and Recorder of London. Wee have receaved your letter with a certeficate of the number of condemned prisoners and their particular

* Original marginal note.

offences, which havinge bin shewed unto her Majestie by us it hath pleased her to approve and like well your discrecion and good conscience that you have declared by the said certeficate, and uppon good consideracion of the same in her most gracious clemencie she hath vouchsafed to shew mercie unto divers of the said condemned persons for their reprivall untill her pleasure be farther knowen, of which persons to be reprived her Majestie hath taken severall notice and hath commaunded us to give you particular knowledge by the schedule enclosed. You shall therfore understand that in the said schedule and liste so many as are marqué with the lettre R by her Majesty's comaundement are to be reprived untill her pardon maie be given out. The rest that are marqué with the crosse are to have their execucion as the law hath ordained. So referringe you to the direccion of the schedule enclosed.

A list of
condemned
prisoners.

* The names of the condemned prisoners with their offences:

+ Edmund Russell.	+ John Parker.
+ John Jones <i>alias</i> Jenkes.	R Richard Taylour.
+ John Speede.	+ Humfrey Ellis.
R Frauncis Woode.	R John Bennall.
R Hughe Jones.	+ John Earle.
+ John Harrison.	+ George Mawkin.
+ Richard Phillippes.	R Margerie Henlye.
R Thomas Elme.	R Magdalen Walcrofte.
R Rebecca Brett.	R Joane Lee.
R Richard Burton.	R Elizabeth Stanton.
+ John Gallant.	R Elizabeth Gallant.
+ Robert Parnell.	R Elizabeth Ambrell.
R Edward Knighte.	R Joane Parker.
R Robert Hancocke.	+ Elizabeth Marshe.

Though the above named John Earle be marqué with a crosse, yet findinge by your certeficate that he is reprived her Majesty's pleasure is to leafe him to the same reprivall according to the Judge's discrecion.

* The offences are not specified in the MS.

All the aforenamed persons that are marked with a crosse are to be proceeded withall to execution. The rest that are marked with the lettre R are to be reprived till her Majesty's pleasure be farther knowen.

Signed by the
Lord Admirall. Lord Chamberlaine.

p. 4.

At Richmond, the 23 of 7^{ber}.

Signed :
Lord Treasurer. Lord Admirall.
Mr. Secretarie.

Capture of
the Governor
of Dunkirk.

A letter to Sir Henry Palmer, knight. Wee do send you herewith a letter of her Majestie directed to Sir Edward Norrise, Governour of Ostend, which requireth great expedicion for the delivery, and because the matter is of importance her Majesty's pleasure is that you shall passe over hither your self, for you shall understand that her Majestie havinge receaved advertisement that the Governour of Dunkerke hath bin taken prisoner of late by somme of the garrison of Ostende and that he is now in the custodie of Sir Edward Norrise, doth require that the said Governour of Dunkerke should be speedily brought over hither. For this purpose your self are to plye over to Ostende with such vessells for your assistaunce as maie be very sufficient for the safe bringing of him, and upon delivery of her Majesty's letter to Sir Edward Norrise and upon conference with him to receave the prisoner at his handes and to transporte him heyther, takinge especiall care for your safe passage with him, which being donne her Majesty's pleasure is that you shall comitte him to the custodie of the Lieutenant of Dover Castle, there to be kept untill he shall receave from us farther direccion in that behalf by her Majesty's comandement, delivering him to the said Lieutenant with streight charge to looke unto his safe custodie. And so expectinge that you will hasten your passage that her Majestie maie speedilie here of your returne, wee bidd you, &c.

Postscript. Where it is above written that you are to receave the Governour at Sir Edward Norrise' handes it is not meant but that he maie (if he thinke good) come himself with the said Governour and have the conducting of him unto Dover.

23 of 7^{ber}.

Signed :

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretarie.

A letter to Sir Edward Norrise, knight. You shall understand that her Majestie havinge bin mooved for your leave to come over into England hath bin pleased to graunt it, which nevertheles she referreth unto your consideracion, unto whome the state of the towne and of the countrey thereabouts is best knowen, so as if you shall finde any just suspicion of daunger to the towne her Majestie thincketh you will not come over, if none, it is at your owne will to take your tyme as soone as you shall thinke good to come. And whereas uppon the advertisement given her of the takinge of the Governour of Dunkerke, her pleasure is that the said Governour shalbe brought over into England by Sir Henry Palmer (whome she hath comaunded to passe over unto you for that purpose), you shall do well to hasten the sending over of the said Governour in saftie, wherunto if there shalbe any impediment in the unwillingnesse of the Dutch souldiers of your garrison that were at the takinge of him, her Majesty's pleasure is that you shall not make any staye in that respect, but forthwith send him hither, assuring all those that have any right and interest in the takinge of him that due consideracion and satisfaccion shall be made unto them. So, &c.

Sir E. Norris
and the
Governor of
Dunkirk.

Postscript. Though Sir Henry Palmer be sent over for the Governour, nevertheles it is not meant but that you maie come with him if you thinke good your self, and have the conducting of him unto Dover, where her

Majesty's pleasure is that he shalbe committed to the safe custodie of the Lieutenant of Dover Castle untill her pleasure be farther knowen.

xxij September, 1597.

Lord Tresorers (*sic*).

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

The English
contingent
in France.

A letter to Sir Arthure Savage, knight. Whereas her Majestie hath determined forthwith to recalle those companies which were of late sent over into Picardy of speciall purpose for the aide of the Kinge at the siege of Amiens unlesse the King shall finde himself provided of meanes to give them paye and entertaynment, and hath accordinglie given order to Mr. Edmundes, now sent over into Fraunce to signifie so much unto the King, that her said companies maie with the King's knowledg be brought backe. Forasmuch as it maie so happen that the King will goe about to employe and engage them in some other action, whereby her Majesty's people shalbe wasted and also serve without such entertaynment as were meete to be yealded unto them, you shall understand that it is her Majesty's pleasure that if the King shall desire to dispose of them in any such sorte you shall excuse the matter and forbear to enter into any farther service, unlesse you shall have certaine knowledg upon the answer to Mr. Edmondes that the King will assuredly undertake and promise to hold them in pay. In the meane while her Majestie doth comaunde that you shall assemble and reduce the said companies together (which, as wee understand, are in some sorte dispersed) and bring them to some certaine place fitt for their returne, certefying us of the number and of the tyme and place when and where they shalbe in readynesse to be transported, that we maie accordinglie take order for the sending over of sufficient shippinge either to St. Valerye's (if that porte be most convenient) or to any other place that you shall know to be more meete, which wee will do with speede upon the receipt of such advertisement from you. And so expecting your speedie answer, wee bidd, &c.

25 September, 1597.

p. 5.

This daie William Turnebridge of Ditton and Richard Harthope of Allington in the countie of Kent, yeomen, having bin sent for by warrant from the Lords have made their apparances accordingly, which for their indemnities is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoined in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme at their meetinges in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their honors' order they shalbe dismissed.

Appearances
before the
Council.

25 September, 1597.

Signed by all the Lords this daie sittinge.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope to paie unto Robert Meslin, William Clerke and Edward Bainbrike of London the some of twentie poundes for the hire of 12 coaches with their horses and furniture for the bringinge of the Embassadors of the Kinge of Denmarke to the Court at Theobaldes, and for wayting on them with their said coaches the space of fower daies.

The Danish
Embassy.

Sonday forenoone and afternoone. At the Courte at Richmonde, the 25 September, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Sir William Knowles.
Lord Admirall.	Sir Robert Cecyll.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lord Deputie and Counsell of Ireland. Yt is now a good while since wee receaved a letter from you bearing date the third of June concerning Mr. Richard Butler, the eldest sonne of the Lord Vicecount Mountgerrot, whereby you signified what course you had taken both with him for his cominge over into England and with a younger

Lord Mount-
garret's sons.

brother of his there for the better assurance of his obedience, which order by you so taken we do verie well like and approve, considering that although both the gentlemen are free (for ought that is knowen) from any offence on their owne partes, yet forasmuch as the eldest of them is tyed unto Tirone by such bonde of alliance it is good reason to keepe both him and his brother also tied in somme bondes for their obedience. But the gentleman since his cominge over hither hath behaved himself well, and so wee hope he will do still when he commeth backe into Ireland, whither he is now returning because he could not finde place conveniently to be bestowed and disposed of in the voyage with our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex, by reason of the great number of gentlemen that had prevented him and taken up all place. But of this desire and purpose of Mr. Butler so to emploie himself in service her Majestie hath good likinge, and her pleasure is that uppon his returne thither he shall goe at libertie uppon the like bondes for his appearance as are alreadie taken for his brother, and so longe as both hee and his brother shall demeane themselves in good sort your Lordship shall do well to affoord them any such favour as is meete for their encouragement in their obedience and dutifull service unto her Majestie. And so, &c.

A summons

A warrant to a Messenger of the Chamber to bringe John Vanhurst, merchaunt straunger, before their Lordships.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Lord Tresuror.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A Recusant's
legal
business.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Canterburie. Whereas most earnest and humble suite hath bin made unto us for the enlargement of Thomas Throgmorton, esquire, prisoner at Banbury under the custodie of Sir

Anthony Cope, though hitherunto wee have bin unwilling to condescend unto the said suite for the inconvenience that in these tymes might grow thorough the libertie of men of his sort, yet now forasmuch as wee have bin verie credibly informed of certaine speciall busynesses and suites that he hath in law of verie great importaunce which may receave prejudice by his restraint, wee have therefore thought meete to yeald unto the suite for his enlargement for some such reasonable tyme as may serve for the attendance of his law suites, and do therefore pray your Lordship to take order that the said Thomas Throgmorton may be brought before your Lordship and to set him at libertie uppon verie sufficient bondes to yeald himself and retorne againe to his former restraint and imprisonment *[upon] x daies' warninge to be given at his house or such place as your Lordship shall assigne, &c.

25 September.

p. 6.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord North.

Lord Tresuror.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to Sir Phillip Parker and Sir John Higham, knightes, John Osborne and Thomas Wakelin, esquires, or to any three or two of them. Whereas the enclosed petition hath bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of the wife of one Robert Strangman, wherein shee maketh complaint that her said husband having receaved with her in marriage to the value of 200^{li}. a yeare or better, besides other goodes to the value of 1,000^{li}., hath of late yeares, following a lewde and dissolute life, not onlie gonne aboute wilfullie and riotouslie to consume and wast the said goodes, to the utter undoing of her and her children that shee had by a former husband, but hath otherwise offered her such hard usage as she liveth in contynuall feare and daunger of her life, and to encrease his misdemeanour hath of late by force and

A wife's
complaint.

* The corner of this leaf is worn away.

violence entered unlawfullie into the howse of one John Foorth, brother to her former husband, and from thence carried awaie sondrie parcells of goodes that were committed to the custodie of the said Foorth to the use of the suppliant and her children. Forasmuch as the poore gentlewoman informeth us that if speedier redresse be not had then by ordinary course of law the sayd goodes are like to be utterlie consumed before due tryall can be obtayned, wee have therefore thought good uppon her humble suite to commend the consideracion of this cause unto you, praying and requiring you with somme convenient expedicion to call the parties of both sides before you and dilligentlie to examyne all circumstances of the complaint, and thereuppon if you shall finde that the said Robert Strangman hath doone his wife and her children such wronge as is mencioned in the petition, you shall use your best endeavours both by vertue of these our letters and by your owne auctorities to order and ende the matter according to equitie and good conscience for the releif of the petitioner and her children, so as their meanes of livinge and maintenaunce may not be utterlie wasted and consumed by his misdemeanour and they undoone thereby, as they are like to be unlesse somme good course may be taken for them. Otherwise if he shew himself obstinate heerein wee require you to certifie us of your whole proceedinges and opynions in this cause, that we may accordinglie consider of somme further meanes for the petitioner's releefe. And so, &c.

26 7^{ber.}

Lord Tresorer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord North.

Sir John Fortescue.

Nicholas
Pointz and
the Welsh
Council.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell of the Marches of Wales. Though by a letter that wee wrote unto you in June last. uppon such informacion as was then given us we required the forbearance of processe against Nicholas

Poyntz, esquire, for a fine of xxxv^{li}. which he was assessed by the Counsell of the Marches to pay uppon a controversie betwixt him and Sir Thomas Throgmorton, knight, yet in a *postscript* in the same letter wee did then add this caucion, that if you knew cause to the contrarie you should certifie us, that our letter might be no prejudice to justice and the due course of your proceedings. Now therefore having bin certified by a letter from your Lordship and better enformed of good cause why the processe awarded should have execucion, wee do hold our selves well satisfied, and do let your Lordship and the rest of the Counsell understand that our meaning is not that our former letter shall make any longer staie of the said processe, but that you may suffer the same to be executed in such sort as you would have doone if our former letters had not bin written. And so, &c.

27 7^{ber}, 1597. Signed as the former letter.

A warrant to Ralphe Mason, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, to bringe John Exton and Robert Russell of Southampton and William Harrison of Alington in the Countie of Southampton before the Lords.

Warrant for arrests.

26 7^{ber}, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

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Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Sir John Fortescue.

A warrant to William Medley and William Brustow, Keepers of the Castle at Wisbitch, or to either of them. Whereas there is under your custodie one Raphe Ithell, a condemned prisoner, whome for certaine speciall causes wee would have to be brought up before our verie good Lord the Lord Bishope of London, these shalbe therfore to will and require you uppon receipt hereof to deliver the said Raphe Ithell unto the charge and custodie of this bearer, William ap Hughe, servaunt unto the said Lord Bishope, who (together with some others for the more safe garde

A prisoner to be sent up from Wisbech

and keepinge of him) his Lordship hath sent to receave him at your handes. And withall you shall understand that before you deliver him you shall require good bonde of his brother, Hughe Ithell, in the summe of one thousand markes to her Majesty's use for the forthcominge of the said Raphe Ithell from tyme to tyme untill he shalbe discharged of the said bonde, which being perfourmed by the said Hughe Ithell you maie deliver the prisoner, and this shalbe your warrant.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescue.

The lands
of the
McCarthyes.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland. Whereas we have formerlie directed our letters unto you for the sequestringe of all such landes as shalbe founde by office to her Majestie of the late Earle of Clincarte's, these are notwithstanding to signifie unto you that our meaninge is not that Nicholas Browne shall anie waies be disturbed or molested for any of those landes which he holdeth by pattent as an Undertaker, but that he shall quietlie enjoye the benefitt of his said pattent. And withall that whereas he hath bin a suitour unto her Majestie for the renewinge of his pattent by the speciall names of every particular lande which he enjoyeth as parcell of his Signorie, wee do praie and require you to cause a survey to be made of his said Signorie and the particular names of every parcell thereof, and the same to certefie unto us accordinglie. And so, &c.

xxij 7^{ber}, 1597.

Signed as the former letter.

A Recusant's
legal business.

A letter to the Lord Archbishope of Canterbury. Whereas most earnest and humble suite hath bin made unto us for the enlargement of John Arundell, esquire, prisoner at Banbury Castle under the custodie of Sir Anthony Cope, though hitherunto wee have bin unwillinge to condescend unto the said suite for the inconvenience that in these

tymes might growe thorough the libertie of men of his sorte, yet now forasmuch as wee have bin very credibly informed of certaine speciall busynesses and suites that he hath in law of very great importance which maie receave prejudice by his restraint, wee have therfore thought meete to yeald unto the suite for his enlargment for somme such reasonable tyme as may serve for the attendance of his law suites, and do therfore praie your Lordship to take order that the said John Arundell maie be brought before your Lordship, and to sett him at libertie uppon very sufficient bondes to yeald himself and returne againe to his former restraint and imprisonment uppon ten daies' warninge to be given at his howse or such place as your Lordship shall assigne. And so, &c.

27 7^{ber}, 1597. Signed *ut supra*.

A letter to Sir Thomas Parry and Sir Humfrey Forster, knights, Henry Nevile and Thomas Fortescue, esquires. Relief for a bankrupt clothier. Whereas wee have bin certified that one Edward Holmes, an honest clothier of Newbery, is become greatelie indebted, decaid and behind hand by surtieship, ill debtors and other casualties, who is said for these many yeares to have continuallie set on worke in his trade greate numbers of poore people both in that towne and countrie adjoyning, whereby they have bin wholie releevd and maintayned. Forasmuch as his creditours do prosecute extremitie of the law against him for recoverie of the debts he oweth unto them, whereof he would most willingly make them satisfaccion to the uttermost peny if he might have reasonable respite of tyme to collect in his owne debts and otherwise to furnish himself as he shalbe able, and the overthrow and utter discredit of this clothier would draw with it a great losse and the undoing of the poore people depending on his trade. Wee therefore tendering the releefe of the said Edward Holmes in this case (in consideracion of the honest meaning he seemeth to have) and in regard of the good of the many poore people afore mencioned, have thought good to use you as

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a meanes for his and their healpes in this behalf, praying and requiring you with somme expedicion to call before you such of his said creditours as he shall nomynate unto you and to treat with them verie earnestlie in our names and by your owne credittes to forbear the extremitie of law against them (*sic*), and to yeald to such reasonable composicion and tolleracion of tyme for payment as you shall finde to be aunswerable unto his *habil[ity] and agreable unto equitie and good conscience. Wherein wee doubt not but that both your selves wilbe willinge to bestow your travaile and best endeavours to perswade the creditors in this case and that they will the rather shew themselves conformable thereunto for the reasons before expressed, which wee pray you effectuellie to make knowne unto them. And so, &c.

27 September, 1597.

East Anglians
to appear
before the
Council.

Three severall warrantes to three of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber of this tenour following. These are to will and require you to make your speedie and undelayed repaire unto the dwellinge howses or places of abode of all and every the persons mencioned in a schedule hereunder written, and by aucthority hereof to charge and comaunde them strictly in our names (all delaies and excuses sett aparte) to make their present repaire in your companie before somme one of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace that inhabite neerest unto the said dwellinges or places of abode of the persons aforesaid or any of them, whome by vertue of this our warrant wee require upon sight hereof to take good bondes to her Majesty's use of all and every such persones as you shall bringe before him for their apparance before us at the Courte the twelveth day at the farthest of this next moneth of October to answeere such matters as are to be objected against them, which bondes you are to bringe with you and deliver unto the Clerke of the Counsell attendant before the tyme lymitted for their apparance as aforesaid. Hereof faile you not. From, &c.

* The edge of this leaf has been cut by the binder.

The names of such persons in the countie of Nolfolke that are sent for by this warrant, directed to Benedict Blomfield.

East Anglians
to appear
before the
Council.

Thomas Parmiter of Witton, gentleman.
John Cobbe late of Martham in Westfleg, gentleman.
Edmund Framlingham of Warham.
Daniel Shanke of Obie.
Thomas Bladfield of Munsley.
Thomas Shaxton of Bathelie.
Bartram Woortes of Trunch.
Thomas Bowde of Paston.
John Creke of South Walsham.
Richard Westgate of Seethinge.
Robert Cubite of Bradfield.
Robert Langwade of Holt Markett hundreth.

To Adam Kinge.

William Peck of Frettenham, gentleman.
Robert Gibson of Norwich, gentleman.
Austen Wood, sonne and heire of Sir Robert Wood, knight.
Matthew Sotterton of or neere Norwich, gentleman.
Richard Whale of Norwich, gentleman.
Austen Aldridg of Norwich, gentleman.
Edward Langford of Frettenham.
Edward Hilton of Lingwood, clerke.
Robert Holland of Stokesbie.

To Thomas Fynnett.

William Raimes late of Northelman, gentleman
Thomas Taverner of Bridgley, gentleman.
Roger Bulweer of Gistwicke, gentleman.
Barnard Utber of Hoo, gentleman.
John Cannam of Litle Cresingham.
Symon Cannam of Swaffam.
Abrie Cannam of Swaffam.
Richard Lincoln of Swanton Morley.

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Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescue.

A Border
murder

A letter to the Lord Scroope. Wee neede not make any rehearsall unto you of the murder of late comitted upon Rinion Armestronge, a matter already well knowen unto your Lordship and wherof wee had the first advertisement by letters from yourself, but we have thought good to lett you understand that a brother of his, one John Armestronge, hath presented an humble peticion unto us cravinge our letters unto your Lordship to move you unto the more care for the apprehending of the parties that did comitt that fowle and wicked acte. Wee doubt not but your Lordship and the Sheriffe of the countie, as also any others there that are in authority, will without any such letters from us have regard (as much as in you and them lyeth) to the punishment of such heynous offendours, nevertheles, both for the satisfaccion of the petitioner and because there cannot be to[o] much care taken for the doinge of justice upon such offendours, wee do willinglie adde this our mocion unto your owne willingnesse, prayinge and requiringe your Lordship to do your best endevoure for the apprehension of the said malefactours, that they maie answeere the law according to the suite of the petitioner. Wherein wee suppose your Lordship shall do well to shew your self the more forward and carefull in respect of the informacion that heretofore hath bin given you, and the opinion that you have conceaved of the guiltenesse of certaine persons concerning this facte who are like enough to prove themselves altogether guiltlesse. And so, &c.

Dated and signed as the letter to my Lord Scroope.

A letter to the Lord Evers. You have heard no doubt longe agoe of the cruell murther of one Rinion Armestronge in his howse neere Carlile, whose brother, John Armestronge,

being come up hither and presented an humble petition unto us for our letters both to our very good Lord the Lord Scroope and your self for the apprehension of the parties that comitted the fact, although wee doubt not but that both his Lordship and your self will of your owne accorde do all that in you lyeth for the punishment of such offenders, yet for satisfaccion of the petitioner and the more to sharpen and sett forward your owne willingnesse (which cannot be shewed to[o] muche in such a case as this is), as wee have written to the Lord Scroope so wee have thought good also by this our letter to praie and require your Lordship to take dilligent and streight order for the apprehension of the said offenders or any of them if they shalbe founde within your Wardenries, and to cause them to be brought to their tryall for the said facte. Wherein not doubtinge but you will do your best endevoure, wee bidd your Lordship, &c.

The names of such persones as are charged with the murther of Rinion Armestronge, written in the foote of the letters to the Lord Scroope and the Lord Evers.

Edward Armestronge *alias* Anton's Edwarde.

William Armestronge *alias* Androwe's William.

Androwe Armestronge *alias* Ingry's Androwe.

John Armestronge *alias* Stow Lugs.

Rinyon Armestronge *alias* Androwe's Rinyon.

Ritcharde Armestronge *alias* Androwe's Ritche.

Crister Armestronge *alias* Androwe's Crister.

Ritcharde Armestronge, sonne to William Armestronge.

This letter was dated the 23 of September, 1597.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop and Counsell at Yorke. Wee have bin enformed of a verie fowle and heynous fact of late comitted by certaine persons, namely William Webster and Robert Webster of Bellesses in that countie of Yorke, who are said in the tyme of a fayre at Holden to have sett [upon] a man forcibly and with a cudgell to have beaten him to death. Of which informacion her Majestie havinge taken knowledg, both in regarde of justice and because it is meete

Murderous
outrage at a
fair.

that due accompte be given unto her of the lives of her subjectes, doth expect that an upright and dilligent proceedinge be used for th'enquirie of the truthe of this offence, wherof it hath pleased her that speciall advertisement should be given you, the rather because in these kinde of offences many tymes such practises are used for concealinge of the truthe and pervertinge of good evidence as is greatlie to the hinderaunce of justice by the impunitie of the offendours, and to the defrauding of her Majestie of such right as appertayneth to her in the landes and goodes of such heynous malefactours. Wee do therfore give your Lordship to understand by this our letter that [it] is her Majesty's pleasure that you shall conferr with the Sheriffe of that countie towchinge this fact, and require him in her Majesty's name to take speciall care for the discoverie and searchinge out of the truthe by due course of law, so as no feare or freendshipe or any other kinde of partiality maie be any hinderance unto justice. The like course your Lordship shall do well to take with the Crowners or any others in office and authoritie unto whome it maie appertaine to deale in this cause, as also to take order that Edward Gates, esquire, maie be heard in such evidence and informacion as he shalbe able to produce and give towchinge the said offence, and have meete assistance in his endevoure to discover the truthe thereof in her Majesty's behalfe. And so not doubtinge but your Lordship will have good regarde hereunto and certefie us of the proceedinges assoone as you shall see oportunitie, we bidd, &c.

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29 September, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary.

Warrant for
arrests.

A warrant to Thomas Taylor, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, to bringe John Bynwell and William Bynwell of Streatham in the countie of Kent, Thomas Fernfolde of Nashe in the same countie before the Lords.

29 September.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Northe.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Thomas Bishope and Anthony Sherley, esquires, or to either of them. Whereas wee have bin advertised of a great disorder and abuse comitted of late by certaine persons dwelling not farre from you in that countie of Sussex, namely John Bymwell (*sic*) of Streatham, William Bymwell of the same place and Thomas Fernfoldes of Nashe in stoppage and chayninge a passage by water in the river of Bambur, by the which certaine tymber was to be caryed and conveyed unto Shorum Haven for the buildinge of her Majesty's shippes. Forasmuch as the persones abovenamed have by this meanes undutifully gone about and endevoured to hinder the good service unto her Majestie, for the which they are to come unto their answeere, wee do therfore praie and require you to make your repaire unto the place where the said ryver is chayned and the passage so stopped, and (takinge such helpe and assistaunce with you as you shall thinke needfull) to breake and remove the chayne or any other impediment that shalbe there founde to be placed for hinderance of the passage, which to do this our letter shalbe your warrant. And forasmuch as wee have given order to a Pursuivant to bringe the said persons forthwith before us, wee do also require you to give your assistance unto him (when he shall desire your helpe) for the takinge of them. Wherin not doubtinge of your best endevoure, wee bidd, &c.

An illegal
obstruction in
a river.

Postscript. Whereas wee have in the letter above written required you to breake the chayne or any thinge that you shall there finde to be sett for an hinderance unto the passage, wee have thought it now more convenient that you shall first speake with the parties themselves, charginge them in the meane tyme, untill they have bin before us

and made their answer, to remove the chayne or any other impediment to the passage, which if they refuse to do, being in our names so required from you, wee do then require you to cause the chayne to be broken.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary.

Lewd words
in Guernsey.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton. Wee have receaved a letter from you bearing date the 28th of August, wherby you do advertise us of some lewde speeche which one Nicholas Carie of that Isle is charged to have uttered and is supposed to have proceeded from a minde ill affected to her Majestie and this State, and you do withall signifie the backwardnes of the Jurates in th'examinacion and tryall of this matter, and their unwillingnes to finde the guiltinesse of the said Carie, upon which letter and examinacions (which wee receaved together with the letter) wee can neither give you direccion of further proceedinge there nor resolve in any sorte of the matter here unlesse some of the parties were present. Wee have therfore thought good to send for so many of them as are named in a schedule or note written in the foote of this letter, whome wee praie and require you to send over unto us, assigninge them a daie for their apparance and takinge bondes of them for the perfourmance therof. And so, &c.

The names of those of whome Sir Thomas Leighton is to take bondes for their apparance before the Lords:

Nicholas Martin the elder.

Nicholas Carie.

William Beauvis.

Henry Smithe, gentleman.

John Effarde.

James Beauvoir.

John Denicke.

John Fatras.

Eliazer le Marchant.

Signed and dated as the former letter.

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Another letter to Sir Thomas Leighton. Whereas it pleased her Majestie of late upon such intelligence as she had receaved of the Kinge of Spaine's preparacions unto the sea for the better strengtheninge of that her Island of Guarnzie to send thither fiftie souldiers out of this realme. Now forasmuch as the tyme of the yeare is so farre paste for any sea service as litle doubt is to be conceived of any attemptes of the enemye this winter season, which is neere at hande, her Majesty therfore findinge for the present no necessarie cause to charge herself with the continuance of the entertaynment of the said fiftie souldiers, hath comaunded us to signifie her pleasure unto you that you shall with as much speede as you can send them over into England, takinge order for shippinge and victualls there to serve their transportacion, the charge whereof shalbe defrayed and satisfied here forthwith uppon knowledg of their arrivall. And withall you shall understand that if her Majestie do finde cause toward the springe tyme to supply you againe with men from hence for the defence of the Island, she wilbe pleased to send over either the like number againe or so many as she shall thinke requisite. And so, &c.

Invasion no longer feared.

Postscript. The armes of the 50 souldiers wee do praie you to comitte unto the charge of some fitt person that cometh over, to be delivered unto the Maiour of Lyme, that wee maie theruppon take order for the restitution of them to the counties whence the souldiers were leavied.

The like letter *verbatim* to Sir Anthony Pawlett, Captaine of Jarzey, delivered to his man Northover.

Dated and signed as the letters to Sir Thomas Leighton.

A letter to the Maiour of Lyme. Whereas wee have signified her Majesty's pleasure unto Sir Thomas Leighton, Captaine of Guarnesey, for the sending over of fiftie souldiers which it pleased her Majestie of late to send

into the said Island for the better defence of the same, and in like sorte unto Sir Anthony Pawlett, Captaine of Jarsey, for the returne of other fiftie out of that Island, with direccion unto each of them to give somme fitt person charge of the armes belonginge to those souldiers that maie bringe them safely unto you, the Maiour of Lyme, and deliver them unto your custodie. These shalbe therfore to give you notice of our aforesaid direccion, to the end that when the armes shalbe brought unto you you maie take them into your custodie and send us a certificate of the same, that wee theruppon maie give order for restitution of the armes unto the counties whence the souldiers were leavied, which wee praie and require you to see perfourmed. And so, &c.

29 September.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Northe.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

Lewd words
in Oxford-
shire.

A letter to Sir Henry Lee, Sir Robert Dormer and Sir George Throckmorton, knightes. Wee have seene a letter of yours bearing date the 27th of this instant and written to me, her Majesty's Secretary, and therewith the confession of one Nicholas Smithe, a prisoner in the gaole of Alisburie, concerning some felonious actes wherewith Edward Harcourte of that countie of Oxford is charged, and especially certaine trayterous wordes uttered by the said Harcourte, wherein wee cannot but much commend your care in the discoverie of such an offence and your dilligence which (as appeareth by your letter) you do use to apprehend the offender. And because you desire to receave somme direccion from us what shalbe donne with him after his apprehension, wee do therfore require you, as soone as he shalbe taken and examined very dilligently by you of the said trayterous wordes wherewith he is

charged, to cause him to be sent up hither unto us as a prisoner with sufficient garde that he maie not make any escape, and to send at the same tyme his examinacion, takinge very great care that after he shalbe apprehended none maie have conference with him for the better framinge of his answer, nor any be present at his examinacion but your selves or such persons as you shall assuredly know to be voide of any suspicion of disloyaltie or evill affection unto the State. And so expectinge to be farther advertised from you of this matter as soone as you shall see cause, wee bidd, &c.

*———— 7^{ber}, 1597. p. 12.

A letter to the Lord Chamberlaine to the like effect as the minute of letters of the 27th of August, 1597 (to the Highe Sheriffes and the rest of the Justices of Peace of the severall counties), with some litle alteracion, for redresse of the abuses comitted by the engrossers and fore-stallers of corne in the Isle of Wight.

Engrossers and fore-stallers in the Isle of Wight.

*———— October, 1597.

This daie Richard Scott of Southampton having bin sent for by warrant from the Lords to answeare to such matters as are to be objected against him hath made his apparance, which for his endempnitie is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being enjoyned nevertheles to give his daily attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme at their meetinges in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their Lordshipes' order they (*sic*) shalbe dismissed.

Appearance before the Council.

A letter to Sir John Leveson, knight, Peter Manwood, William Lambert, William Sedley, John Boys and Mr. Fotherbie, Archdeacon of Canterbury, or to any 3 or 2 of them. It cannot be unknowen to any of her Majesty's

Engrossers take advantage of the good harvest.

* The mending of this leaf has obliterated these dates.

Engrossers
take advantage of the
good harvest.

subjectes what care her Majestie hath taken for the relief of her poore people in this tyme of dearth and scarsety by the good orders that by her direccion and comandment wee have prescribed and given charge every where to be put in execucion for the abatement of the excessive prices of graine, and it is as evident how God hath blessed her care by this prosperous and plentiful harvest in recompence of the late unseasonable and unfruitfull yeares. And yet all this will not serve the turne but that some evill disposed persons, unthankfull to God and without pittie towardes poore men, by their engrossinge of grayne and other abuses will make want amidst plentifulnes and continew still the affliction of the pore by their malice. Of this sorte as there are many in all places, so that countie of Kent hath no small number, and though wee cannot discover all yet wee have taken notice of some parte, whome (according to a schedule of their names that wee send you hereinclosed) wee thinke meete to be brought up before us to answeere their misdemeanour. And therefore wee do praie and require you by vertue of this our letter to send for every of them (either by this Messenger or otherwise as you shall thinke best), and to cause them severally to enter into sufficient bondes for their apparance before us at the Court the ninth day of the next moneth of October, which bondes you shall send unto us by the said Messenger, certefyinge us by your letter of your proceedinges herein. And because your selves dwelling in that countie either do know or may by inquirie understand of divers others that are especiall offendours in the same kinde or in any other abuse in goinge about to enhaunce the price of graine in markettes, wee do also earnestly require you by vertue of this our letter to take the like order with them for the calling of them before you, and for the takinge of their bondes to make their apparance before us either the day aforementioned or somme other day before the Terme, which wee will expect to be donne and perfourmed by you uprightly and without any

partiality, as you regarde her Majesty's service and in your conscience do tender the relief of the poore people. And so, &c.

The names of the engrossers:

Thomas Hawkes.	Leonard Bonard.
Christopher Fynnys.	William Knighte.
George Mylls.	*———— Bauldine.
George Batchelour.	Thomas Hawlett.
Leonard Spratkine.	William Drayton.

At the Courte at Richmonde, the 2 of October, 1597.

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Present:

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary or
Lord Northe.	Sir John Fortescue.

Signed by the Lords that sate except Mr. Comptroler
and Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Maiour of Manchester. Whereas wee have bin enformed of certaine prisoners lately escaped out of the common gaole of Worcester, namely William Brian and Richarde Church, of the which two the said Brian hath bin since apprehended and comitted to your prison in Manchester, by which escape the Bailiffes of Worcester are in daunger to suffer great losse (the said prisoners having bin committed at the first for debt upon execucion) unlesse they can recover them to their prison againe, and therefore have made humble suite unto us for oure direccion unto you for the redelivery of the said William Brian unto them, to be committed unto the prison of Worcester where before he had bin. Wee therefore thinkinge the peticion of the Bailiffes and Aldermen of Worcester very just and reasonable, do require you to take order for the redelivery

Two escaped
prisoners.

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of the said Brian to such sufficient persons as shall demaunde him of you in the behalfe of the officers of the said citty, that by them he maie be carryed backe to the former prison. Wherin nevertheles you are to have regarde in what sorte and upon what processe he hath bin since committed to your prison of Manchester, because if this latter comittment be likewise upon execucion he is to abide with you in prison and not to be redelivered. And so, &c.

7 8^{ber}, 97.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A charge of
breach of
trust.

A letter to Sir Humfrey Forester and Sir Thomas Parry, knightes, Henry Nevill, Read Stafforde, Thomas Doleman and William Denton, esquires, or to any 5, 4 or 3 of them. The complaint inclosed hath bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of the poore kindred of one John Hunt late of Ham in the county of Wiltes, deceased, shewing some badd dealing used by his wife, being put in trust by a fraudulent surrender made in her life tyme, and wronge donne also to the poore suplyantes by one Erasmus Webb and Robert Poore, executors of her laste will, as by the said petition will better appeare unto you. We have thought good therefore considering the charitable intention of the said John for his poore kindredes' relief, as wee are informed, being frustrated by his wife in abusinge the trust comitted to her and the hard and unconscionable course held by the said executors in maintenaunce thereof, to call before you both the said executors and the overseers of the will of the said Hunt, with the tenauntes of the rectorye in question, and to examine according to your discrecions effectually the said complaint, and to do your best endeavour to bringe the same to some good ende for relief of the poore suplyantes as you shall finde cause in justice and equity.

And if the said Webb and Poore or either of them shalbe founde by you to have dealt unconscionably in this matter and to be so obstinate as they will not give satisfaccion to the petitioners, wee require you to certefie us thereof. And so, &c.

Both warrantes signed 3 8^{ber}, 97, by

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Comptroler.

Sir John Fortescue.

8 October, 1597.

A warrant to the Keeper of the Marshalsea to release Gabriell Spencer and Robert Shaa, stage-players, out of prison, who were of lat comitted to his custodie. Stage-players released.

The like warrant for the releasing of Benjamin Johnson.

8 October, 1597.

This daie Markes Batchelor of Mynster, Henry Sanford of St. Nichols and Richard Byngge of Mynster in the countie of Kent, maltmen, having bin sent for by order of their Lordships to answeere to such matters as are to be objected against them have made their apparances accordingly, which for their indempnities is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheless enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme at their meetinges in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their honours' order they shalbe dismissed. Appearances before the Council.

8 October, 1597.

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This daie John Bynwell and William Bynwell of Streatham in the countie of Sussex, gentlemen, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant to answeere to matters which are to be objected against them have made their apparances

accordingly, which for their indempnities is entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned to give their attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme, and not to depart without lisencc.

9 October, 1597.

This daie Thomas Hawkes, William Balden, William Drayton, Thomas Hawlett and William Knight of Canterbury have made their apparance as the former, being enjoyned to attend their Lordships' pleasure.

The same daie Christopher Fynnys, Leonard Spratlin, George Mills, William Knowler, Frauncis Parker, William Meriam, Thomas Fetherston, Nicholas Colebrandes and Nicholas Osburne having bin sent for as the former have made their apparances, which for their indempnities is here entred, being nevertheles enjoyned to attend untill by order from the Lords they shalbe dismissed.

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At the Courte at Richmonde, the 9th of October, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Secretary.

An Irish
claim to be
paid in Eng-
land in full.

A letter to the Lord Tresorer. Whereas an humble petition hath bin presented unto us by one Walter Smithe, lieutenant of a footebande under the leadinge of Sir Henry Bagnall, knight, in Ireland, wherby he hath enformed us that there hath bin due unto him a longe tyme for his entertaynment in her Majesty's service the summe of threescore sixteen poundes, sixteen shillings and six pence, being as he sayeth the cheefe or only meanes that he hath to relye on for his

maintenaunce and livinge. Forasmuch as it appeareth by the testimonye and under the hande of Sir Henry Wallope, knight, her Majesty's Treasurer for the Warres in Ireland, that there is so much due unto the said Smithe, wee have therfore thought very meete that consideracion be had of his just and rightfull demaunde, the rather in regarde of his good service and his povertie, and do praie your Lordship to cause payement to be made unto the said Walter Smithe of the summe of * 76^{li.} iij^{s.} xvj^{li.} xvj^{s.} vj^{d.} so testified to be due unto him for his entertaynment, according to the warrant that hath bin given your Lordship by her Majesty's Privy Seale bearing date the xvjth day of August last for the satisfaccion of divers Irishe suitours. And this our letter signed by so many of us as by the said Privie Seale is required shalbe sufficient warrant unto your Lordship in this behalf. So wee bidd, &c.

A letter to Sir Henry Lee, Sir Robert Dormer and Sir George Throckmorton, knightes. You shall understand that according to such good order as hath bin taken by you the person of Edward Harcourte hath bin safely brought hither, together with such writtinges as upon searche were founde in his howse and sent up by you, which writtinges together with himself wee have sent unto her Majesty's Attorney Generall to be examined, which being donne such farther order shalbe taken with him as shalbe founde meete. And this is all that needeth to be written at this present unto you, save only that her Majestie taketh very gracious notice of your industrie and good service herein, and that if any farther matter happen to be discovered and come to your knowledg you will take the like care to advertise us. And so not doubtinge but in the meane while you will have regarde that the accuser of Harcourte that is prisoner in the gaole at Alesburye maie be alwaies forthcominge, wee bidd, &c.

An Oxfordshire culprit.

*.Original marginal note.

An Oxford-
shire culprit.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope to paye or cause to be paid unto William Daye, servant to Sir Robert Dormer, for the charges of himself and others for bringing up of one Edward Harcourte the summe of 5 powndes.

* Directed to
Nicholas Martin
the elder.
William Beauvoir.
Peter Carey.
Nicholas Martin
the younger.
George Guyle.
Leonard Blundell.
Martin Loumeano.
Nicholas Fievere.
John de Cartrett.
Phillip Journeaulx.

A letter to the persons whose names are written in the margent. You shall understand by the inclosed petition of John de la Marche, an inhabitant of that Isle, what wronge he pretendeth to have bin donne unto him as well by one Helier Goslin in prosecutinge a cause against him, wherein he accused the suplyant of perjurie, as also by the Bailiffe and six of the Jurattes of the said Island, who gave unlawfull judgment and sentence against him for the same (as is alledged), both in respect they dissented in opynion from other of the Jurattes and likewise because they were no competent number of themselves by the auncient lawes and customes of that Island to determyne either of that or the like cases. For redresse whereof he hath bin an earnest suitour unto us, and wee desiring to releve him so farre forthe as the equity of his cause may deserve, thought fitt for our better informacion to recomend the consideracion of the same unto somme of her Majesty's Learned Counsell heere, whose opinions and reportes theruppon unto us you may perceave indorsed uppon his petition subscribed with their handes, the which wee have thought meete to sende unto you, prayinge and requiringe you verie earnestlie to consider effectually of the severall pointes of his petition, and if by former presidentes you shall finde that the matter maie receave a re-examinacion, that then you speedily proceede therunto in relief of the suplyant according to the censure of her Majesty's said Learned Counsaile and the substance of his petition. Wherein wee expect that you will have such due and carefull regarde for the final endinge and determyninge of this cause according to equity as neither

* Original marginal note.

ourselves shall neede to be farther troubled herewith, nor the suplyant may have just occacion to renew any farther complaint in that behalf. And so, &c.

Signed and dated as the Session.

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A letter to the Lord Deputie and Counsell of Ireland. Whereas wee have bin moved at the humble suite of this gentleman, George Rawe, the bearer hereof, to recommend him and his causes to your Lordships' favourable assistance and consideration, he informing us that there are certaine arrerages of rent due to him within the county of Langford in the right of his late wife, the Lady Malby (as he alledgeth), hath bin detayned from him by reason of the troubles there and his absence almost these three yeares, duringe which tyme he and his said wife having occasion to be here to follow their necessary affaires to his great charge, especially being debarred wholly of their rent there. In consideration whereof wee praie your Lordships and the rest that you will afforde him the best and least chargeable course for the recovering of this his right that to you shalbe thought fittest. And where he alleageth that there are certaine debtes and arrerages in Connaught due to him and one Ursula Brabazon, widdow, late wife to captaine Anthony Brabazon, a man that hath don good and acceptable services there, whereof wee here your Lordship hath had already a charitable regarde, your Lordship shall do well to continew your favoure towards her and them, she being left in debt and many younge children depending on her fortune, and also her livinge much wasted (as wee are informed) by the rebells and therby lesse meanes lefte her for the bringinge up of her children. In regarde hereof and our good opinion of this gentleman wee praie you to recomend their cause to Sir Conyers Clyfford, Chief Comissioner of Connaught, that he may examine the truthe of these matters, and finding any

Irish rents
unpaid.

such debtes and arrerages due unto them that theruppon he may take some such good courses that they maie recover the same without any further charge or trouble. So, &c.

Release of
captives from
French
galleys.

A letter to the Governour or his Lieutenant and Bayliff of Jerzey, Mr. Snape, preacher, Amias Cartrett, John Cartrett, Elier du Maricke, William Beauvoir and Nicholas Carey of Guarnesey.

By our letters written unto you, the Governour and others, in July last (at the humble suite and instance of this bearer, John Guillam) wee required that somme good order might be taken for his satisfaccion and repayement of such sumes of money as uppon due prooffe by him made should appeare to have bin disbursed by him, aswell for the ransominge of some of the inhabitantes of that Isle that were then in captivity in the gallies upon the coast of Brittainne neere St. Malloves as for his charges and damages that he had sustayned in following the suite, amountinge to the summe of two hundred poundes or therabouts as he informed us, and also wee wished that such other summes of money as he had disbursed to the Islande's use by the direccion of you, the Governour, might be in like manner satisfied unto him. Those our former letters notwithstanding wee have bin of late againe importuned with his petitions anew (which wee send you hereinclosed) wherin he complayneth that the Justices of the said Island having answered him his principall, do neglect or delay to yeald him contentacion of his charges and damages aforesaid, by meanes whereof (as he alledgeth) he is greatly impoverished and like to be utterly undone. Wee therefore tendring his relief in this behalf do earnestlie require and comaunde you to take speedy order for his satisfaccion therein, in regarde wee hold it agreable both to equity and good conscience and do concurr in opinion with her Majesty's Learned Counsell, unto whose consideracion wee comitted this cause, that order ought to be taken for the payement as well of the damages sustayned as of the principall disbursed, being in case of the generall service of the Isle by him entered into at the

Governour's request (as he alledgeth), which if to your knowledg he hath so donne wee expect that you will yeald him satisfaccion according to equity without any unnecessary delaie or excuse. Furthermore whereas in his said petition he reneweth another complaint that he is delaide of justice in that Island concerning some *matters

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Sonday. At the Courte at Richemond, 16th of October, 1597. p. 19.

Present:

Lord Archebishopp. Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Keeper. Mr. Chauncellour of the Exchequer.

Lord Admyrall. Mr. Secretary.

This day John Hasden of London, merchant, and Symon Kingsland of the same citty being sent over hether by the Deputy and Assistantes of the merchantes at Stoad upon a letter written from their Lordships touching some matters of complaint preferred against them by Christofer Heyward and Anthony Key made their apparance, which is entred for their indempnity, and they are in their Lordships' names strictly injoynd to give attendance on them, and not to depart till they shall have lycense of their Lordships upon notice left for them at the signe of the Christofer in Thamestrete in London.

Appearances
before the
Council.

A letter to the Balyfes, Customers and Comptroller of the towne of Yarmouth. The inclosed petition havinge bene recommended unto us by the Lord Maior and the Aldermen of the cytty of London, in which the fishmongers doe sett downe amongst other reasons that doe cause dearth of white herringes the greate quantity that ys

The export
of herrings
forbidden.

* This entry is unfinished.

transported out of the realme to forraine partes. Because wee doe understand that at this present there are divers shippes laden or to be laden there with herringes ready to be transported and that the same maie growe to excessive prices, wee have thought good to require you to cause a staie to be made of those shippes and vessells in that porte that are laden or to be laden with the said herringes, whereby they maie not be transported beyonde the seas, and withall to send some suffycient person of your towne hether unto us to satisfie us in this their complaint. So, &c.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This day Clement Colmer, Doctor of the Lawe, being sent for by the Lords made his apparance, and was commaunded to give his attendance on them and not to departe till he shall have lycense.

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The fees
due from
Recusants
at Banbury.

A letter to Sir Anthonie Cope, knight. Whereas wee are enformed that the moste parte of those Recusants that were commytted to Banbury, beinge gentlemen of good lyvelyhood and habillytie and allwaies have bene accompted for esquires, thorowe a froward disposicion doe refuse to make allowaunce to the Keper that hath chardge to provide their diett accordinge to the rate sett downe by us to be allowed and paied by soche as are esquires. For as moche as their lyvinges and habillyties are knowne to be suffycient and that allwaies they have heretofore borne that tytle and degree, and this their cavailinge dothe proceede but of a perverse humor and stomack, these shalbe to require you to let them understande howe moche wee doe myslyke this their froward dysposicion, and therefore to will them to make soche allowaunce to the Keper as was sett downe by us and appointed for every esquire to paie. Which yf they or any of them shall refuse to doe, wee praie you to advertize us therof and of their names, that when any of them shall hereafter make suite for their liberty or other course maie be thought on for their enlargement, those pervers and willfull persons maie notwithstandinge remaine still under restraint.

A letter of assystaunce directed to Sir Thomas Norreyes, knight, President of Mounster in Irelande, Christofer Harrys and Nicholas Godolphin, esquires, &c., requiring them to be aydinge to the bearers thereof in the due and full execucion of a comyssion graunted out of the Court of th'Admyrallty for the fyndinge out of a certaine shipp called the Jenetta of Kemperkorylin in Bryttanie laden with Gascoigne wynes appertanyng to James Feawton, merchant, and others, taken at sea in pyratycall manner by capten Watson, Frauncis Watts and others theire confederates, and as well to see the said shipp and goods restored to the proprietaries as all and every of the said pyrates and others the detayners thereof apprehended and sent up into the Admyrallty to answer the said matter.

English
pirates.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of the Chamber, to paie or cause to be paied unto Humfrey Courtier for horshire, diett and other chardges laied out by him in bringing hether to the Court from Dartmouth Humfrey Pater, James Fitzjames and Charles Joanes, three suspicious persons latly sent from the towne of Rochell, the somme of xv^{li}.

Suspicious
persons from
Rochelle.

A letter to the Justices of Peace of the countie of Hartford inhabiting neerest to Bushie Heathe that whereas their Lordships have ben of late informed of sondrie robberyes daily committed by notable theves frequenting Bushie Heathe, whereby divers poore travellers have not only ben spoiled of their money but put in perill of their lives, they are required to take order to have convenient watches kept on the Heathe and in the townes and villages adjoyning for the apprehension of suche lewd persons as haunt thereaboutes, and to consider of some other meanes for the security of poore travellers that shall passe that way.

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Highway
robberies
in Herts.

The like to the Justices of the countie of Middlesex that dwell nere the same place.

The reputa-
tion of the
corn-trade.

Warrantes dyrected to severall Messengers of the Chamber to repaire to the dwellinges of the parties undernamed and to bring them before their Lordships.

Norffolk	-	Henry Sidney of Walsingham	-	-	} delivered to Thomas Mitchell.
		*———— Wright of Wettinge	-	-	
		*———— Wormley of Monford	-	-	
		*———— Jarmen of Sturton	-	-	
		*———— Barker of Ailesham	-	-	
		*———— Hubberd of Harlinge	-	-	
		*———— Letten of Kininghall	-	-	
		*———— Methold of Langford	-	-	
		James Rowse of South Walsham	-	-	
		Edward Bresse of Worsted	-	-	
		Drew Clerk of Rooksome	-	-	
		William Goodinge of Burlingham	-	-	
		John Kinge of Wiveton	-	-	
		Adam Kinge <i>alias</i> Kent of Clay	-	-	
Norwiche	-	Richard Browne	} Aldermen	} to Robert Tison.	
		*———— Rooke			
		*———— Teasmond			
Suffolk	-	*———— Davy of Bery	-	-	} to David Jenkins.
		Charles Darby of the same	-	-	
		*———— Lumkin of the same	-	-	
		Roger Burdall of Newmarkett	-	-	
		*———— Grome of Chippenham	-	-	
Kent	-	John Blofeild	} of Thenett	} delivered to Rafe Mason.	
		Joseph Norwood			
		Robert Sayer	-	-	
		Peter Swinford of Margett	-	-	
		Alexander Norwood of Mounton	-	-	

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The corn
supply of
London.

Warrantes dyrected to the Deputie Lieutennantes and the Commissioners for the Musters in the counties following for provision of corne for the cittie of London. Whereas humble sute hathe ben made unto us by the Lord Maiour

and Aldermen of the citty of London that there may some reasonable quantitie of corne be bought for provision of the citty and suburbes of the same in this tyme of so great confluence and concurse of people by reason of the Terme and Parlyament out of suche counties as may best spare the same and as they have usually served the cittie. Althoughe by publique proclamacion and our former orders wee have straightlie inhibited any grayne to be bought or sold out of the markettes, yet in regard of the present necessity and want in the citty at this tyme, which hathe no corne growing in the same, and the repaire of all the nobility and the cheifest gentlemen of the realme and other cittizens and burgesses of the townes unto the citty is presentlie seen at hand with their traynes, and of other people by reason of the Parlyament and Terme, wee have ben moved by mere necessity for theis reasons to yelde to their reasonable request to permitt a convenient quantity to be bought and provided in certaine sheres of the realm for the provision of the citty to serve for the space of three monnethes, emongest the which there is allotted to that countie the quantity of *———, which we hope may well be spared. And therefore we do hereby require you to permitt that quantity to be provided there for this present by suche as shalbe lycensed by the Lord Maiour under the seale of the citty of London to buy the same at the hands of the farmers or owners that have best store, with this respect that the same may be so provided as the markettes be not therby unfurnished, and to that end suche as have authority to buy and provide the same shall acquaint you with the quantity they do buy and of whom they are furnished before they shall transport yt out of the contrey, that under cullour of this proportion a greater quantity be not bought and conveyed out of the shere. And those farmers or owners that shall sell any good quantity to suche persons so lycensed

The corn
supply of
London.

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by the Lord Maiour shalbe moved likewyse and dyrected by you to bring weekly some reasonable proportion to the marketes there to be solde to the contrey people, and the quantity so bought by the purveyours for the citty shalbe by you, the Justice, signified both unto us and to the customers and other officers of the portes whence yt is to be transported to the citty, that bonds may be taken of the purveyours to her Majesty's use (which hereby they are commaunded to do) to transport the same to the citty of London accordingly and to no other place.

Counties where the corne is to be bought.	The quantity.	Counties.	The quantity.
Kent - -	6,000 quarters of wheat.	Norffolk -	1,100 quarters of wheate.
Essex - -	2,500.	Barks -	1,000.
Sussex -	1,500.	Buckingham	1,000.
Suffolk -	1,000.	Oxon - -	1,100.

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18 October, 1597.

Signed by the

Lord Admirall.

Lord North.

Lord Chamberlen.

Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

Patrick
Condon's
return to
Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Deputy of Ireland. Whereas this bearer, Patricke Condon of that realme, having remayned long here in following some sutes betwene him and Arthure Hyde, esquire, for title of land there, is nowe dispatched hence with letters in his behalf, as your Lordship shall perceive, and doth repaire thither to followe his causes. Upon his humble sute wee have ben moved to recommend him to your Lordship, and to praie you at suche tyme hereafter as he shall have occasion to repaire hether againe about his busynes that he maie have your Lordship's license so to do.

The pay of
the garrisons
of Dublin
Castle and
Kilmainham.

A letter to the Lord Deputie and Councill of Ireland. Whereas humble sute hathe ben made unto us by John Vicars, a servytor of that realme, that he might be

satisfied and paid the somme of 82^{li}. aswell for his owne intertaynment as for 30 warders that in theis late troubles in the realme of Ireland were by the appointment of the late Lord Deputy, your predecessor, placed in the Castle of Dublin and her Highnes' house of Kilmanen over and above the accustomed nomber, for the better strength and defence of those places. Althoughe the said somme appeareth by warrant of *concordatum* signed by the then Deputie and Counsell to be due to the said Vicars, yet forasmuch as wee have no order here for paiement of debtes in Ireland and those kynde of debtes by *concordatum* are greatlie displeasing to her Majesty, by which a great part of the treasure that is appointed for defraying of ordinary charges is consumed, because her Majestie hath revenues and casualtyes there out of which this debt maie be paid wee have thought good to refer him to your Lordship and the rest, and to praie you to take order that the said somme of 82^{li} demmaunded by the said Vicars maie be paid out of her Majesty's revenues there in suche sort as you shall thincke yt may most conveniently be don. So referring him to that order your Lordship and the rest shall thincke fitt to be taken, we, &c.

22^o Octobris, 1597.

This daie Edmond Holdeane of Hammersmith being enjoyned by the Justices of Peace in the countie of Middlesex to appeare before their Lordships to aunswere such matters as are to be objected against him hathe made his apparance accordinglie, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, and is nevertheless enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give his attendance on them at their meetings in Counsell, and not to depart without license first had and obtayned of their Lordships, &c.

Appearances
before the
Council.

23 Octobris, 1597.

This daie Henry Burton of Fullam hath entred his apparance as the former.

Eodem die.

Sir John
Savile sent
to the Fleet.

Sir John Savile, knight, was this daie committed to the Fleete by warrant from the Lord Keeper, Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Secretarie.

Signed

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord North.	Sir John Fortescue.

The
Gloucester-
shire Muster
Master.

A letter to the Lord Chandois. Whereas wee are informed that captaine Bouchieur, being Muster Master of the countie of Gloucester (where your Lordship is her Majesty's Leiutenaunt), is lately deceased and thereby that place (when occacion requireth) is unsupplied, and humble suite hath bin made unto us by this gentleman, leiutenaunt John Lewes, that he might be preferred to the same. Forasmuch as he hath bin an auncient servitour in the warres of whome wee have heard sufficient commendacion for his valour, experience and honest carriag in the warres, and thereby meete to supplie the said place of Muster Master for that countie, wee can do no lesse but verie earnestlie to recommend him to your good Lordship, praying your Lordship for the former respectes and uppon our recommendacion you will accept of the gentleman. And as by your Lordship's good favour he shalbe preferred to be Muster Master of the forces of that countie, so likewise your Lordship wilbe pleased he may receave such fees and allowaunces for his paynes and travell he shall take for the mustering and trayning from tyme to tyme the forces of the same as the former captaine had and is meete for a gentleman that is a servitour of his qualitie and sorte. For which favour we will rest thanckfull to your Lordship, &c.

At the Courte at Whitehall, the 23 of October, 1597.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to Sir John Spencer. Wee have receaved a letter from you concerninge one William Pynner of Ashbie Legers in the countie of Northampton, whome as it seemeth by his examynacion which wee have receaved together with your letter you have founde to be a dangerous and ill-affected subject, and an instrument of intelligence betwixt like ill-disposed subjectes here and Seminarie priestes abroad. And because it is supposed that some other ill subjectes upon farther examynacion maie by him be discovered wee have thought good that he shalbe brought up hither unto us, and therfore do praie and require you to send him up under the charge of two of your owne servantes (such as you shall thincke meete to take charge of him), and with him any other examynacions or advertisementes that you shall have concerning him. And so, &c.

An ill-affected
subject in
Northants.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Whereas an humble petition hath bin presented unto us by one Arthur ap Owen, a poore soldier that hath a longe tyme served her Majestie in the warres under the conduct of Sir Henry Bagnall, knight, wherby he hath informed us that there is due unto him for his entertaynment the summe of twelve poundes, thirteen shillings and a penny, being as he saith the chief or only meanes that he hath to relye on for his maintenance and livinge. Forasmuch as it appeareth by the testimony and under the hande of the said Sir Henry Bagnall that there is so much due unto this poore man, wee have therfore thought very meete that consideracion be had of his just and rightfull demaunde, the rather in regarde of his good service and povertie, and do praie your Lordship to cause payement to be made

Another Irish
claimant to be
paid in full.

* 12^{li}. 13^s. 1^d. unto the said Arthure ap Owen of the summe of xij^{li}. xiijs j^d. so testified to be due unto him for his entertaynment, according to the warrant that hath bin given your Lordship by her Majesty's Privy Seale bearing date the xvj^h day of August last for the satisfaccion of divers Irishe suitours. And this our letter signed by so many of us as by the said Privie Seale is required shalbe sufficient warrant unto your Lordship in that behalf. So, &c.

Troops from
Picardy for
Ostend.

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A letter to Sir Arthure Savadge. Whereas her Majestie hath bin very latlie advertised of the approche of the enemye unto the towne of Ostend, wherby (and by some other intelligence that shee hath receaved) it is supposed that there is some siege or enterprize intended against the said towne, which being of great importance both for the State of the United Provinces in the Low Countreyes and for the better security of this realme, her Majesty thinketh good to strengthen with some encrease of forces to be put into that garrison, and for that purpose hath appointed 4 of those companies that have served in Picardy to be transported thither, namelie your owne company with three other companies that you shall thinke fittest for that service. These shalbe therefore to lett you understand that it is her Majesty's pleasure that you shall take order to put the said 4 companies forthwith in readynes against such tyme as shippinge shalbe sent from hence for them (which shalbe donne with all speede), and your self together with the captaines of the other three companies to embarque your selves with your officers and companies for your passage to Ostende, leaving behinde you the second colonell for the government of those companies that are to remaine at St. Valerie's untill farther order be given from hence for the disposinge of them, which wee do praie and require you to see carefullie and dilligently performed. And so, &c.

Postscript. Where your owne companie is appointed to go to Ostend you are to understand that you are to reduce

* Original marginal note.

the same to the like number as the other companies have, namely of 150, and to abate the dead payes accordingly, and to bestow the surplus of your owne company amonge the companies that remaine behinde.

24 October, 1597.

This daie Joseph Norwood, Robert Sawyer, Peter Swinford and Alexander Norwood having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrante to answeere to suche matters as are to be objected against them have made their apparances accordinglie, which for their indempnities is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honors from tyme to tyme at their meetinges in Counsell, and not to departe without license.

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before the
Council.

25 October, 1597.

This daie William Harrison of Allington in the countie of Southampton, gentleman, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrante to answeere to such matters as are to be objected against him hath made his apparance, which for his endempnity is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being enjoyned to attend, and not to departe without license.

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A letter to Mr. Buroughes, Comptroler of the Navye. Whereas her Majestie hath founde it needfull upon advise that shee hath receaved of some enterprize intended by the ennemy against the towne of Ostend to put an encrease of forces in that towne for the better strengthening of it, and hath given order for fowre of those companies that have served and are yet remayning in Picardy to be transported from St. Valerye's unto the said towne of Ostende, for the which transportacion convenient shippinge and a sufficient proporcion of victualls

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for the souldiers amountinge to the number of five hundreth and forty (which do make up the said 4 companies, the dead payes allowed) and for the maryners servinge in the said shippinge is forthwith to be provided. Forasmuch as wee are perswaded that the most ready and orderly dispatch of this provicion maie be made by you uppon warrant given unto you by us in this behalf, wee have thought good to comitt the same unto your charge, prayinge and requiring you forthwith to take up 4 good and strong hoyes in the river of Thames at such reasonable rate and price as they maie be gotten to serve for the transportacion of the number abovemencioned, and the same to furnishe with such a proporcion of victuall (of such kinde as is fitt for the soldiers and maryners) as maie serve the aforesaid number for the space of 3 weekes for the soldiers and 5 weekes for the maryners, and for the furnishing of the said shippes with maryners by vertue of this our warrant to imprest so many maryners as you shall finde needfull. For the defraying of all which charges, shipping, victuall, imprest and other necessities to this transportacion belonging order shalbe taken forthwith by me, the Lord Treasurer, uppon your estimate of the charges brought in and your demaunde made for the same. And soe prayinge you to see this service dilligently perfourmed, wee bidd, &c.

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Lord Treasurer.	Lord North.
Lord Admyrall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroler.
Mr. Secretary.	

The King of
Spain's last
Armada.

Letters to the Mayours and cheife officers of the severall portes heereunder written. Whereas her Majestie hath bin certainlie advertized that there is at this present a fleete of the Kinge of Spayne at the sea

holding course toward the coastes of England or Ireland, and thereuppon it is supposed that somme daungerous enterprize and attempt is intended to be made by the enemye uppon somme part of her Majesty's realme where the enemye shall finde most convenient discent. Forasmuch as it greatlie behooveth to have intelligence (as much as possiblie may be gotten) of the deseigne of the enemye and of his approach and course that he contynueth, which cannot be better had then by such espialls as may be sent out from the portes on the coastes, these shalbe therefore to charge and comaund you, the *—— of the port of *——, as you regard her Majesty's service and as you will aunswere the same upon perill of your life, foorthwith to cause somme of your best fisher-boates from tyme to tyme to make out to the sea to discover and espie what may be knowen of the enemye's course and purposes, and what shalbe understoode and discovered concerning the same to cause to be certified to us with all possible speede, taking due care and providing that somme skilfull and sufficient man may goe foorth in those smale vessells that can judge and discerne of such sea affaires. So, &c.

The King of
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To Sharpe the Messen- ger, post.	{	Southampton	{	Dartmouth	} These three delivered	
		Waymouth		Plymmouth		} to Stellingfleet, to be
		Portesmouth.		Famouth (<i>sic</i>)		
					the post.	

Signed as before, 26 October.

A letter to Sir Henry Palmer, knight. There was of late direccion given that he with such shipping as he had under his charge in the Narrowe Seaes (*sic*) sholde repaire to St. Valery, and there to have embarqued somme parte of the companies late in service with the Frenche Kinge to have bene transported to Ostende and the rest into

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Armada.

Ireland. But forasmuch as her Majestie was certainlie advertised that there was presentlie uppon the seas a navie of Spaigne bending towards this realme, her pleasure was that he with such shipping of her Majesty's and of her subjects as might presentlie be had there at hand with him in the place where he was, as crayers and other vessells, sholde with all possible expedicion without staying for any more then he sholde fynde or for victuell (but that the soldiours embarqued might feede on such provision as he and the rest had aborde) goe to St. Valery and there take in all the companies and bringe and lande them at Dover or Sandwich, or at any other place thereabout as the winde might permitt him. And if he founde not presentlie with him so maney vessells as might bringe home the whole number, then he was by her Majesty's direction required to deale with the Admirall of the States remayninge with their fleete before Calleys, and to desire him as from her Majestie that he might with such shippes of warr as weare under his charge there helpe and assiste him in transporting of so many of the soldiours as his owne shipping wolde not containe, whereunto the Lords dowbted not uppon this occasion but he wold be readie to yelde. He might not fayle therein to use all the care and speede he colde and to give their Lordships notice of his retorne to Dover or any other place of this parte of the realme. So, &c.

Uppon an alarum that Ostende shold be beseiged the Lords had ordered that 500 men sholde be sent theither and the rest to remaine to be otherwise disposed. Sir John Brooke wente with that dispatche, but this accedent gave occasion of the alteracion.

A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Wee do understand by your letter of the xxijth of this instant what order you have taken for the strength and defence of

the forte under your charge, and do verie well allow of all and of everye particuler by you in your letter mencioned, praying you to contynue your care and dilligence, and not doubting but you will in all thinges, according to the necessitie and oportunitie that you shall there finde, proceede with good advisement and discrecion. But forasmuch as it may be doubted where the enemy will make his dissent, and there is some intelligence that maketh an opynion of some desseigne uppon Famouth, wee do therefore praie and require you that if it shall so happen and that the enemy shalbe found to make his dissent at Famouth or thereabouts, so as there shall lesse daunger appeare to Plymouth, you will with all speede and dilligence apply your self to the releif and succour of Famouth or any other place thereabouts that you shall see in daunger to be distressed, giving your best advice and direccion to those that have charge there, and healping them with such strength as is under your comaunde so farr foorth as you shall not thereby leave Plymouth and your owne charge in hazard and perill. This wee must referr to your owne discrecion and judgement, and do assure our selves that you will so governe the matter as your self uppon the present vew of the necessitie shall fynd to be doone.

Postscript. The letters that are sent heerewith to Famouth, Plymouth and Dartmouth wee require you to cause to be delivered with all possible speede.

A letter to capitaine Hampden Powlett requiring him to admytt of Sir Charles Blont, knight, to be joyned with him in the chardge of the castle and porte of Portesmouth, and as occasion shall fall out for her Majesty's service to drawe togeather suche forces of the countie of Southampton as are under the chardge of the Lord Montjoy for the better defence of that place against any attempt th'ennemy maie make against the same.

The
command at
Portsmouth.

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Appearances
before the
Council.

This daie Robert Rookes of Norwich, Alderman, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant to answer to such matters as are to be objected against him hath made his apparance accordinglie, which is here entred for his indempnity, being enjoyned nevertheles to give his attendance from tyme to tyme on their honors, and not to departe without license.

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This daie Henry Lewkoner of Trotton in the countie of Sussex, gentleman, being sent for by like warrant hath made his apparance accordinglie, and is enjoyned for his attendance uppon the Judg of the Admiraltie.

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The same daie Thomas Davie, Roger Birde of Newmarkett and Charles Darbye of Berrey having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant have made their apparance accordinglie, which for their indemnities is entred into this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honors from tyme to tyme, and not to departe untill by their honours' orders they shalbe dismissed.

The same daie Thomas Lumkin entred his apparance as the rest.

An entry
apparently
misplaced.

A letter to Sir Edward Norrise. Upon such advertisement as wee have receaved from you by your letters her Majesty hath bin moved concerning some encrease of forces for the strengthening of your garrison, who is pleased that 4 companies of those that have served in Picardie and are yeat remaining there shalbe transported with as much speede as maie be to Ostende, for the which transportacion wee have given order, and in the meane tyme have thought good to certefy you hereof. And so, &c.

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Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

An open warrant directed to all her Majesty's officers. The return of the troops from Picardy.
 Whereas the bearer hereof, Sir Robert Crosse, knight, is sent by her Majestie into Picardie in Fraunce to bring thence certaine companies of souldiers that have there served and with all speede to transporte them into England, forasmuch as it cannot be certainly determined and foreknown where the said companies shall arrive at their cominge over by reason of the uncertainty of their imployment, and therefore there cannot such provision of victualls be made for them in any speciall place as otherwise might be donne, who nevertheles may by no meanes be left destitute of victualls uppon their arrivall. These shalbe therefore to charge and comaunde you in her Majesty's name, and every of you to whome it maie appertaine, the Maiours, Bailiffes, Comptrolers and all other her Majesty's officers of any porte or towne where or neare unto which places the said companies shall arrive, to take order for their convenient lodginge and victualling at reasonable rates (and as hath bin accustomed where any such companies have bin lodged and victualled) during the space of so many dayes as the said companies shalbe constrayned to lodge and abide there, and untill wee may be certefied from them of their arrivall and maie returne answeere and give order for disposinge of them. And for the payinge and satisfyinge of the said charges order shalbe taken forthwith by me, the Lord Treasurer, that due payement shalbe made unto those that are to demaunde it upon their accompte. Hereof faile you not, as you regarde her Majesty's service and will answeere to the contrary at your uttermost perills.

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The return of
the troops
from Picardy.

A letter to Sir Arthure Savadge. Uppon a late allarme from Sir Edward Norreys of the besieginge of Ostende wee gave direccion that you with your owne companie and 3 others should with some dilligence be transported thither for the better defence of that place, which direction was contayned in a dispatch sent to you by Sir John Brooke. Now forasmuch as her Majestie is certainly advertised that there is a navye of Spaigne on the seas makeinge sayle towardes England her pleasure is to alter that determination of sending you and the companies to Ostend, and hath given order that you with the whole companies at St. Valery or ells where shall all passe immediatlie from thence to Dover or Sandwich or to some other place on this parte of the realme, and that to be donne with all possible expedicion. These are therfore to give you notice thereof and to require you, the former direccion given notwithstanding, that speedily uppon the arrivall of Sir Henry Palmer (resortinge unto you with shippinge for the transportacion of the companies) you faile not to bring them all away and your self to take charge of their conduction hither without making staye for provision of victuall or for any cause whatsoever, as you will answeere your slacknes or lacke of dilligence at your perill. So fare, &c.

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Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Comptroler.

Sir John Fortescue.

The end of
the "Islands
Voyage."

A letter to Mr. Quarles. Whereas it is expected that the Earl of Essex with those forces and shippes under his Lordship's charge are to arrive within few daies in some parte of the West Countrey, and in regard of the longe tyme they have bin at the sea they wilbe altogether

unfurnished of all kindes of victualls. These shalbe to will and require you forthwith to send into the West Partes somme of your servantes that are best acquainted in the makinge of such kinde of provisions, and to charge them to use all possible meanes and the uttermost endevoures they shalbe hable to affoarde to provide speedily some good quantity of all manner of victualls to serve for the sea for such forces and shippinge as are with his Lordship for some convenient tyme, that the same maie be ready uppon the landinge of his Lordship and the rest of the Fleete in those partes, to be used and employed as there maie be occasion for her Majesty's service. Hereof you are to have especiall care and to use all expedicion that possibly maie be used. So, &c.

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Lord Keeper. Lord North.
 Lord Treasurer. Lord Chamberlain.
 Lord Admirall. Mr. Comptroler.
 Mr. Secretary.

A minute of letters to the Lieutenants, Deputie Lieutenants, Highe Sheriffe[s] and Justices of the Peace of the counties hereunder written. Where there were by her Majesty's comandement in the monethe of November the last yeare and in the former yeare likewise speciall direccions given to all Lieutenantes of the maritime shires and of such other as did adjoyne to them, and to their Deputies and to the principall Justices of the Peace in the said shires to put the whole forces under their rule, both horsemen and footmen, in good readynes with all furniture and necessities and to comitt them into bandes under sufficient conductours. Now at this tyme her Majestie being advertised of a navie with an armie of great power discovered on the seas towards the coastes of England, being as yeat uncertaine of their further purpose where the same maie lande to offend the realme, for this cause her

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 against
 invasion.

Majestie of great providence for saftie of all partes of her realme doth will and charge you according to the trust comitted to you forthwith and without delay to proceede to th'execucion of the former direccions from poynte to poynte as though the same were now specially expressed in these our letters. And if there shalbe any speciall men meete to further this service absent out of the countie, wee require you to advertise us their names so as they be comaunded to repaire thither, and specially you shall give straight charge that no person upon an apprehension of this reporte do remoove their residence and dwelling uppon any place neere the sea coastes uppon paine to have their howses seized into her Majesty's handes. And so requiring you to have especiall care hereof according to the danger of the tyme, wee bidd, &c.

Devon -	-	-	} by poste.
Cornewall	-	-	
Dorsett	-	-	} by John Lee.
Hamp[s]hire	-	-	
Berkeshire	-	-	
Kent	-	-	} by Adam Kinge.
Sussex	-	-	
Surrey	-	-	
Wilteshire	-	-	} by Ralphe Mason.
Somerset	-	-	

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Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Lord Northe.
Mr. Comptroler.	

The pay of
the troops
returning
from France.

A letter to Sir Arthure Savadge. You shall understand that there is provided for the companies that are under your charge in Picardye apparell and payement of the money due to them for the 6 monethes paste, which our intente and purpose was to cause to be sent over unto you for them. But since her Majestie findeth it needfull

that the companies shalbe forthwith transported into England it is thought more convenient to keepe their money and apparell here untill their cominge, and therefore wee do hereby give you knowledg and do praie you to lett the captens of the companies understand that the money and apparell shalbe here in readynes, either at Dover or els where at such place as they shalbe founde to arrive, to be delivered and payed without delay. And so expecting your dilligence and care to be shewed in the speedie transportacion of them, we bidd, &c.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp. You have heeretofore p 28. understoode from us what orders have bin thought by her Majestie and us of her Counsell meete to be put in execucion in that realme of Ireland as well for the monethlie lendinges unto the soldiers as also for their apparailing, which orders though wee doubt not but you will carefullie see observed so farr foorth as appertayneth to your office and place, yet because the merchautes that have contracted for the furnishing of the apparaile (which for the winter season conteyneth fower thousand seven hundred suites for the common soldiers and two hundred for the officers of the bandes) have now sent the same over thither to Dublin, where they are by their contract to deliver it, that thence it may be conveid to the severall garrisons by the captaines or otherwise as the Lord Deputie shall appoint without any farther charge unto the merchautes, wee have thought good at this present to assist their factours, Thomas Hassell and Georg Bromley (whome they send over of purpose for the deliverye of the apparaile) with these our letters, to th'ende that when they comme there they may finde the more speedie and readie dispatch of their busynes. And therefore wee do praie and require you that forasmuch as the apparaile hath bin heere alreadie vewed and sealed by such as have bin therunto appointed, and accordinglie allowed for sufficient and agreable to the patternes which they were enjoined to follow, the same may be upon the arivall receaved without

Clothing for
the troops in
Ireland.

any revew or contradiccion, and that if any controversie shalbe made by any of the capteines or any others of the merchants (by reason of the order of the apparailing and the alteracion of the former course) you will healp to order and govern the matter as the said merchauntes may not be wronged or the service hindered by them. Heere-with all wee must give you a remembrance of the defalcacion that is to be made out of the entertainementes of the bandes for the quantities of apparell delivered to the same bandes, whereof as wee have written to the Lord Deputie, so wee doubt not but you for your part will have due regard and care. So, &c.

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Lord Steward (*sic*).

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Secretary.

Country gentlemen to return to their houses on the sea-coast.

Their Lordships this daie did call before them such gentlemen of the Westernne Partes and of the maritime counties of Sussex and Kent as could be found at that presente in or about the cittie of London, and did by her Majesty's expresse comaundement comaund them to make their speedie repaire unto the severall counties where there aboade and dwellinge is and where they have charge of any the trayned bandes, there to remaine in these tymes of daunger to attend the defence and service of the shire. The like charge they were willed to signifie to any other gentlemen of those counties that they should have notice of to be at this present about the towne, and if any of them after this warning should make default they should not onlie incurr her Majesty's heavie indignacion, but such further exemplarie punishment as should be thought meete to be inflicted uppon them for their contempt in that behalfe.

A warrant directed to all Maiours, Sherifes, Justices of the Peace, &c., in the behalfe of Mr. Carew of Cokington, esquire, and William Stalinge for the provicion of victualls. The Islands Fleet to be revictualled. Whereas her Majestie understanding of the retorne and arrivall of the Fleet at Plymouth latelie sent under the chardg of her Generalls (*sic*), our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex, hathe fownd it needfull to revictuall the same againe or the greatest parte theirof for som other service at the sea, and namelie for preventing of any daungerous attempt or enterprizes that the fleet of Spaine maie intend against her realme, which hathe bin discovered of late in such sorte at the seas as it was certeinlie suppozed it held course and mad saile for some partes of this realme. Forasmuch as this provision of victuell cannot upon suche a sodden be made otherwize or any waie els then in the countrie neere unto the place of the said arrivall, as in the counties of Cornewall, Deavon and Somerset shires, these shalbe therefore to lett you understande that we have appointed George Carye of Cockington, esquire, and William Stallinge and either of them to take the chardge and care for the making of the saide provicion of victuall in the shires above mentioned and for the bringing of the same unto the Fleet, requiring and straightlie chardging you and every of you to whom it maie apperteine to suffer the said George Carye and William Stallinge and either of them and their sufficient deputies to make provicion of all sortes of victualls meet for this service in the counties aforesaide, paing for the same readie money and reasonable prizes as the same victualls are comonly sould in the marketts, and to take upp sufficient carrages for the transporting of the same as the[y] shall finde it needfull unto the shippes in like manner at reasonable rates and prizes, which provicion they are to make to suche a proporcion as the Lord Generall shall finde cawse there to be used. And thereunto faile you not to geve your best assistance, as you regarde her Majesty's service and will aunswer to the contrary at your uttermost perills.

28 October, 1597.

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before the
Council.

This daie Richard Browne of Norwich, malster, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant to aunswere such matters as are to be objected against him hath made his apparance accordingle, and is enjoyned to attend on their Lordships till by their order he shalbe dismissed.

The same daie Robert Groome of Chipnam having bin sent for by like warrant hath also appeared, &c.

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and the
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invasion.

A letter to the Erle of Essex. Before we had any notice of your Lordship's arrivall, whereof we had first intelligence the last night from your Lordship and this morning, we did take speciall order and direction for a proporcion of victuells to be speedily provided in the Westerne Parties against your Lordship's coming, because we did consider throughe your long abroad abroad that your Lordship would be short of victuells, and to that end we have caused an estymate to be made of a convenyent proporcion to serve your Lordship and the Flete under your chardg for xx daies, and speciall chardge is given to Mr. Carey of Cockington and William Stallenge with such money as is delivered them here for that purpose to provide the same with all expedicion for the better furthering of the service. We praie your Lordship to give the best assistance you can unto Stallenge, who is presently sent downe unto your Lordship before and Mr. Carey shall shortly follow. For the other wantes and necessary provisions wherewith your Lordship desireth to be supplied there shalbe a masse of money sent presently unto you to be employed to furnishe your Lordship of all those necessaries. Howe graciously her Majesty doth accept your Lordship's offers and ready disposicion to adventure your lyfe in this service your Lordship shall understand by other letters you shall receave herewithall. In the meane while we have thought good to signify thus muche to your Lordship, and so we wishe you all happy succes.

We pray your Lordship to comaund Mr. Dorrell to assist them herein.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. Her Majestie havinge intelligence that a navie of the King of Spayne hath bin discovered uppon the coast of England, being a thinge uncertaine whither they will bend their forces towardes this realme or towardes the realme of Ireland, and our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex happelie ariving at Plymouth at the same tyme with the navie that accompanied him in the late voyadge, her Majestie hath given authoritie and comission to his Lordship to follow the Spanish fleete as they shall bend their course either towardes any part of this realme or towardes Ireland, and so either by sea or by land to encounter with them and repulse their attemptes as occasion shall best serve. Forasmuch as therefore there may be cause [for] his Lordship to be assisted with somme further number of men the better to withstand the attemptes of the enemye and to frustrate their intended purposes, his Lordship hath authoritie to require of your Lordship suche further aide and supplies of men out of the Welshe counties as he shall thincke necessarie for his better strength to be sent unto him. Wee do therefore pray your Lordship, being her Majesty's Leiu-tenaunt in the Principalitie of Wales, to cause suche numbers of hable and choise men in any the Welch counties as by former direccion have bin appointed to be in readynes for the service of Ireland to be presentelie put in order, that uppon any direccion or request from the saide Earle of Essex to your Lordship suche forces may without delaie, under the conduct of somme sufficient person, be sent to those portes that are neerest and fittest for their imbarquing, and that your Lordship cause them not onlie to be armed and furnished with armour, weapon and other furniture as they ought to be, but likewise that you cause a proporcion of victualls to be provided to serve them in their traunstportacion or during the tyme of their service by sea, and uppon certificat from your Lordship of th'extraordinarie charg for the levying, conducting and victualing of those forces there shalbe order taken for such

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reasonable allowaunce to be made as hath bin accustomed in like services. Considering therefore the straightnes of the tyme and how requisite it is all expedicion should be used for the furthering of these services, wee praie your Lordship to use all possible care as you shall receave direccion from his Lordship to see him furnished with convenient forces in that sort as may best advaunce the service, and to certifie us what numbers your Lordship shall send, how they are furnished, to what port and under what conductours.

Fower severall warrantes to the officers of fower portes in Wales sent to the Earle of Essex, to be by him directed. Whereas the navie of the King of Spaine's hath bin of late discovered to be neare the coaste of this realme and it is uncertaine what course they will take either towards some parte of this her Majesty's dominion or towards Ireland, and therefore our very good Lord the Earle of Essex hath not only auctoritie from her Majestie to pursue and follow the Spanish fleete which waie soever they take, but to impeach their attemptes and to distresse them as occasion maie serve. Because his Lordship maie have occasion to use further aide of lande men to strengthen his armie his Lordship hath authority out of any the Welsh counties to send for such forces as he shall thinke necessary for his present assistance, to which ende letters are written also to our very good Lord the Earle of Pembroke, being her Majesty's Lieutenant of the severall counties in the Principality of Wales, to send such supplyes to his Lordship out of any those counties as his Lordship shall thinke meete to require for his better aide and strengthening. These shalbe in like manner in her Majesty's name to will and comand you, either uppon notice from his Lordship or from the Earle of Pembroke, to provide shippinge for so many men as shalbe directed to be imbarqued at that porte, and to see them furnished either with victualls or other necessities as shalbe by either of their Lordships required, the charge whereof upon certificate

from you shalbe repayed according to such reasonable rates as have bin accustomed in like services to such as you shall appoint to receave the same. Hereof in regarde of the importance and present necessity of the service concerning the honour and the defence of her Majestie and the realme, wee are to will and comande you in her Majesty's name to use all care, dilligence and due regarde.

30 October, 1597.

Lord Archbishope. Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Keeper. Lord Northe.

Lord Treasurer. Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Comptroller.

A letter to Sir Charles Blunt, knight, and Hamden Pawlett. The defence of Ports-
mouth.
Wee understand that there are at Portesmouth arrived certaine companies of the forces lately sent out under our very good Lord the Earle of Essex, her Majesty's Generall, namely, his Lordship's companie and the companie of captain Sidney, which because we are likewise certefied to be weake with sicknes and unable at this present to make returne unto the Lord Generall at Plymouthe, it is therfore thought most convenient that they shalbe stayed at Portesmouth and used for a while there for defence of that place if neede shall require. And because order hath bin taken very lately that somme forces of the countrey should be brought into Portesmouth and there serve for defence, wee do now thinke that the foresaid companies lately arrived maie supply the turne of the countrey forces, and therfore wee do praie and require you to discharge as many of them as do amount to the number of the companies there arrived and to be retayned by you, for releef of which companies with victualls and especially for the healpe and succour of the sicke souldiers wee do praie you carefully to take order untill you shall receave meanes from hence, which shalbe sent hence with as much speede as maie be used, our purpose being forthwith to addresse some man unto you with order and money for this service. And so, &c. p. 32.

Unpaid
ship-money
in the West
Riding.

Wee have many tymes heretofore written our letters for the contribucion to be made by the clothinge townes in the West Rydinge of Yorkeshire to the citty of Yorke and porte of Hull toward the charge of shipping sett forthe by the said citty and porte in sommer was twelve moneth for the voyage to Cadiz, and our letters were followed by letters directed unto you from the Archbishope and Counsaile of Yorke for the perfourmance of the same. But notwithstanding our many and earnest letters and this longe forbearance and continuance of tyme wee finde no effect thereof, but rather a neglect in so much and so farre forthe as it seemeth to have bin doubted by some amongst you by what authority the said contribucion should be leavyed, which was an evident note of slacknesse in the perfourmance of the service and not to be justified by those that moved the doubt if wee shall call it in question. But the purpose of this our letter is once more to call uppon you for the contribucion. And whereas since the tyme of the first demaunde of 400^{li.} the citty of Yorke and porte of Hull by importunity were brought to be contented with 180^{li.}, now wee finde by their petition and complaint that they are so farre behinde hand in payement of poore maryners and others to whome they are indebted uppon the forsaid charge and especially by reason of this longe delay (whereas at the first they might happely have agreed and compounded the debtes with smaller payementes), as they cannot without unreasonable damage holde themselves unlesse they maie have the first somme of 400^{li.} sett downe for them, which summe of 400^{li.} wee require you to cause to be collected and leavyed uppon the most sufficient and able men of the West Ridinge according to the direccion of our former letters, and to be delivered to those of the citty and porte that are deputed for the receaving thereof, or if you faile or make longer delaye or excuse herein, to come your selves before us to answeere and give sufficient cause why the same maie not be donne. And so, &c.

A letter to George Carye of Cockinton, esquire. Whereas you have of late receaved here 3,000^{li.} for her Majesty's service with direccion and order to employe the same in provision of victualls for the shippinge and souldiers lately arrived at Plymouthe and on that coaste. Forasmuch as our very good Lord the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Mountjoye and Sir Walter Rawleigh have likewise order from her Majestie and us of her Counsaile for certaine speciall services to be perfourmed with all speed, which do require a supply and expence of money, and the readiest meanes to furnish them for the said service is by the treasure that hath bin delivered unto you, wee do therfore praie and require you to deliver unto them or to any two of them the summe of 2,000^{li.} of the said money which you have receaved, taking a note of acquittance for receipt of the same under their handes or any two of them. Wherby our meaning is not that the needfull provision of victualls shalbe given over or neglected, but do rather require you to proceed in the same so farre forthe as shalbe there founde necessary for her Majesty's service and as you shalbe directed by the Lords aforesaid and Sir Walter Rawleigh, or any two of them, but because a good parte of the victuall maie be taken up uppon creditte (which shalbe answered with a further supply of money as it shall appear needfull and uppon accompt), our meaning is that you shall goe forward with the provisions of victualls according to their direccions. And for the better furnishing you with money wee do require you to call uppon such persons as had Privye Seales for loane of money unto her Majestie in that county to bring the same money unto you with speed, whereof though some respite and longer tyme was given them at the first *war[rant], yet because the service of her Majesty requireth more speedy payement you are to require the same and employ it or so much thereof as shalbe needfull in this service and to be allowed upon your accompte.

The preparations in the West to meet the expected Armada.

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1597. At the Court at Whitehall, the 30 October.
 Sonday fore and after noone.

Presence:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.

Dutch
 complaints
 of Western
 pirates.

A warrant of assistance to all her Majesty's publique officers and particulerly to Thomas Payne, esquire, Vice-Admyrall of Cornewall, Charles Trevanon, Richard Cary of Anthony, John Raishly, esquires, James Bagg, Walter Matthew and Nicholas Fountaine, merchants. Whereas Monsieur Caron, Agent Generall for the States of Holland and Zeland, hath made complaint in the Highe Court of the Admiraltie on the part and behalf of certaine merchantes of those Provinces that one captaine Mooham and his complices have of late unlawfullie taken at the seas a shipp of the saide merchauntes named the Flyinge Hart of Amsterdam with her lodinge of Spanishe wolls, ginger and other goodes, and have brought the same into the port of Foye, whereuppon order is given out of the said Court of Admiraltie to sequester and keepe on shipbourd the said goodes, with lockes to be set on the deckes where the same are placed, and for the better safetie and preservacion thereof to appoint a convenient number both of Dutch and English men that might looke carefullie to the goodes, so as the same may remaine in the shipp unloden and without spoile or diminucion to the use of the proprietaries unto whome it shalbe heereafter adjudged to appertaine. These shalbe therefore straightlie to charge and comaund you and everye of you to whome it may appertaine to be aiding and assistinge in the sequestering and keeping in safe custodie the aforesaid goodes in manner as is above mencioned and according to the tenour and effect of the said warrant, and to applie your best endeavours, &c.

An open warrant to the Justices and other publique officers of the countie of Norfolke. Whereas humble suite hath bin made unto us in the behalf of the inhabitantes of the towne of Dedham in the countie of Essex that they may be licensed to make provision of some reasonable quantitie of corne for the needefull and necessarie use of the said inhabitantes in regard of their present necessitie and want by reason of the smale store of corne growing in that parrish, in so much that the same consisting of two hundred howseholdes, no one of them hath sufficient of their owne for the provision of their families, and six score of the said number are utterlie unfurnished of graine or other victualles for their convenient releif (as wee are informed), being poore people cheiflie relying on the clothiers there. Though by publique proclamacion and our former orders wee have straightlie inhibited any graine to be bought or sold out of the markettes, yet in respect of their necessitie as aforesaid, and because the petitioners that follow this suite have entred into sufficient bond to her Majesty's use not to engrosse or buy a greater quantitie then is lymitted by this our warrant, wee have bin mooved for the occasions above mencioned to yeald to their reasonable request for the providing of one hundred quarters of barlie and rie in that countie of Norfolk, and do therefore heereby require you to permitt that quantitie to be provided there for this present by such as shalbe licensed by the cheif officers of that towne to buy the same, and to traunsport it by such waies and meanes as they shall finde most convenient unto Dedham aforesaid, giving notice unto somme of you the Justices of the severall parcells that shalbe provided. Our purpose and meaninge heerein being not to infringe the generall order of restraint, but onlie to shew favour unto the poore people of the towne of Dedham for the reasons before specified, and the rather because somme persons of that towne which followed the suite have given their bondes that the graine so provided shalbe no otherwise employd then to the use of the poore without any gaine at all unto those that make the provision. Hereof, &c.

Scarcity of
corn in Essex.

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Lord Archbishop.

Lord Northe.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroler.

A new Welsh
Deputy
Lieutenant.

A letter to the Lord Keeper. Whereas wee have bin certified by our verie good Lord the Earle of Pembroke, her Majesty's Leiutenaunt of the countie of Mountgomery, that it is verie convenient and necessarie for the better performauce of her Majesty's services to encrease the number of Deputie Leiutenantes in that countie, and havinge receaved good commendacion and testimonye as well from his Lordship as otherwise that William Herbert of Poole Castle, esquire, is a sufficient and meete gentleman to be appointed in that place of service, wee do therefore pray your good Lordship to renew the Comission of Leiutenauncie for that countie of Mountgomery unto the said Earle of Pembroke, and therein to insert and adde the aforementioned William Herbert unto the other Deputie Leiutenautes that are alreadye in comission, according to the authoritie given you under the Great Seale of England in this behalf.

The claims
of the Crown
against Lord
Burgh's
estate.

A letter to John Bassett, Henry Claire, Peter Evers, esquires, and Guy Clinton, gentleman, or to any 3 of them. Amonge many matters that have comme to consideracion by the sodaine and unexpected death of the late Lord Deputie concerninge the publique service of that realme and himself, it hath bin thought meete, forasmuch as he is supposed to have died in debt unto her Majestie by the imprests of diverse summes of money which he receaved beforehand, that somme order should speedily be taken for such meanes as he hath lefte to yeald her Majestie satisfaccion. And because it is certainelie knowen that at the tyme of his decease he was possessed of diverse goodes of verie good value that he had there in Ireland, as money, jewells, plate, howsehold stuffe, horses and many other thinges of reckoninge, all which ought to be made aunswerable first and especiallie to the satisfying of her Majestie and afterwarde to others that have any right or interest

to them, and seeing it is to be required of the Lady Burgh, as administratrix of her late husband, that she should be accomptable unto her Majestie for the debts of her said late husband, it is agreable to justice and to good conscience that before any others be served with the said goodes (whatsoever clayme of debt be made to any particular persons) that her Majestie have her right, and that the said ladie should have the meanes to satisfie her Majestie by the recoverie of such goodes as her late husband hath lefte behinde him. For this purpose wee have thought you fitt persons to take the care and trust uppon you for the recoverie of the said goodes, and do therefore by this our letter authorize and require you to take knowledg and make enquirie of all such goodes and chattells, money, plate, jewells, howsehold stuffe of any sort, horses, armour, tentes or any other goodes whatsoever that perteyned to the said Lord Deputie at his decease, and the same to seaze on and to take into your custodie (wheresoever and in whose handes you shall finde them or any parcell of them), and to cause them to be traunspored and brought over in somme good shipping into England and so forward into London, that accompt may be taken of the same by such as heereafter either by her Majestie or us of her Counsell shalbe appointed. For the better knowledg of some of the particulars you shall receave heerewith an inventorie, howbeit you are to finde out by enquirie verie many thinges which are not in the inventorie expressed. And if in the performaunce heereof you shall finde any resistaunce, denyall or contradiccion, you shall repaire and seeke unto the Justices and the rest of her Majesty's Counsell in Ireland for assistance, unto whome wee have written in this behalf, and you may by shewing the authoritie of this our letter prevent or staie the purpose of any others that shall go about to arrest or attache any of the said goodes. All the premisses we require to be donne by you fower or any three of you. And so, &c.

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Lord Archbishop.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurste.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Secretary.

The
municipal
privileges of
Launceston.

A letter to the Maiour and chief officers of Launceston. Whereas it hath bin thought needfull by her Majestie and us of her Counsell that fowre thowsand trayned men should continually be had and kept in readynes in that countie of Cornewall for the better defence of the same, and that they should be mustered and viewed at such convenient tymes and places as by the Deputy Lieutenantes should be appointed, wee have bin advertised that you, the Maiour and townsemen of Launceston, contrary to this order and otherwise then heretofore you have bin accustomed, have of late refused and do refuse to joyne with the rest of the countie in the said musters, pretendinge an exemption and priviledg by your charter, which pretence of yours cannot be otherwise understood then a backwardnes and slacknes in her Majesty's service when, in such a case as this is for the comon saftie of the realm and the defence of that countie whereof your selves are a parte, you stand so curiously uppon the priviledg of your charter. You shall therfore understand that it is your parte to joyne with the rest of the countie in this puplique (*sic*) service, which you maie well enough do without prejudice to your libertie, forasmuch as it is but required of you to send forthe your men unto the musters unto such places as are appointed for the whole countie, and not that any other should be admitted to comme into your towne to take your musters. And moreover you shall do well to be advised towchinge the curious standing upon your charter, least you cause the same to be called in question, and contending for some parte do lose all. Wee do therfore require you to have regarde that your slacknes herein be no hinderance to her Majesty's service, as you will answeere the same at your perills. And so, &c.

30 8^{ber}, 1597.

This letter signed as the former.

A letter to Sir Edward Winter. It seemeth by a letter that wee have lately receaved from our very good Lord the Earle of Pembroke that he hath receaved some cause of dislike and discontentment at your handes by reason that you have not given his Lordship satisfaction in the matter of the Deputie Constableshepe of the Forest of Deane, which you holde under him according to certaine orders by which you were appointed to paie unto his Lordship a hundreth poundes and to observe certaine condicions in the execucion of that office under his Lordship. With which orders because wee were acquainted at that tyme when they were sett downe and did approve them, wee have now the more reason to dislike that they are not observed, and therefore wee do require you and do thinke that you shall do more advisedly to make payement to his Lordship of the hundreth poundes that is demaunded (unlesse you can shew sufficient reason to the contrary), as also to yeald to the observacion of such condicions as are convenient in the execucion of your office under his Lordship. Of the which since there is some question renewed betwixt him and you, wee do thinke meete for the more indifferency and for a finall agreement that his Lordship's counsell at law and yours shall repaire to her Majesty's Sergeant-at-Law for the decidinge of the controversie of the said condicions, and what the Sergeant shall resolve and determyne in this case the same wee doubt not but his Lordship will allow and wee shall thinke you very worthy of blame if you do not observe. And so, &c.

The custody
of the Forest
of Dean.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the rest of the Counsell in Ireland. Forasmuch as now uppon the death of the late Lord Burgh, the Lord Deputie of that realme, her Majestie hath thought it verie necessarie for the government thereof to have the charge committed in this sort following; that is to have our verie good Lord the

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An unfinished
and cancelled
entry.

* *Vacat.*

Earle of Ormond to have the principall rule in all martiall causes as her Majesty's Leiutenante Generall and Captaine of her armie, for the which purpose her Majestie sendeth thither her speciall comission under the Great Seale of England authorizing him thereunto, as by the said comission now sent thither shall more speciallie appeare. And yet nevertheles her Majestie hath thought it convenient that such two as are named to be Lords Justices at this present should also contynue in th'exercise of their offices for all other parts of government of that realme, saving for martiall causes. Uppon consideracion whereof of this her Majesty's division of these two authorities it may be that somme doubts may arise emongst you for the manner of proceeding therein,

Dated and signed as the former letters.

The late
Lord Deputy's
property.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the rest of the Counsell of Ireland. Whereas wee have given order by our letters to certaine gentlemen, namely John Bassett, Henry Clayre, Peter Evers and Guye Clinton, by the which wee have aucthorised and required them or any three of them to take knowledg and make enquiry of all the goods and chattells that the late Lord Deputy, the Lord Burghe, had there in Ireland and duly appertained unto him at the tyme of his decease, to the ende there maie be the readier meanes to make satisfaccion for his debtes unto her Majestie by reason of the imprestes of divers sommes of money which he receaved before hande for her Majesty's service in that contrey, and to take the said goodes into their custodie and to transport them into England, that accompt maie be here taken of them (a copie of which letters wee send unto you hereinclosed). Forasmuch as the said gentleman in the performance hereof shall have neede of your favourable helpe and assistance, wee do therefore

* Original marginal note.

praie your Lordships to take notice by this our letter of our said order and direction, and to give them your assistance from tyme to tyme and in all such manner as shalbe convenient and they shall have cause reasonably to demaunde for the execucion of the service to be performed by them in the enquiringe, collectinge, safekeeping and transportinge of the goodes aforementioned, according as it is prescribed unto them more particularly by our letters. Wherein not doubtinge but they shall finde you ready to yeald them all lawfull favoure, wee bidd, &c.

Postscript. Wee are to lett your Lordships understand touchinge the corpes (*sic*) of the late Lord Deputie, that her Majestie having bin moved by his freendes that the funeralls maie be perfourmed here in England, is pleased that the corpes shalbe brought over in her Majesty's pynnace which is there attending.

His body to
be brought to
England.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Howard, the Lord Mountjoye, Sir Walter Rawleigh and Sir Francis Vere. Wee wrote our former letters unto you of the 1 of 9^{ber} (*sic*) before wee had receaved yours of the *———, by which letter although wee have delivered our opinions and sett downe certaine direccions according to the judgment that wee can here conceave of the particulars, being farre distant from you, yet considering that the present occasions there, which from tyme to tyme wilbe better knowne unto yourselves then unto us, maie require new counsells and other determinacions answerable to the instant, wee doubt not but you will holde your selves no otherwise tyed to our direccions then you shall finde convenient, and that you will (as you maie be bolde to do) both for her Majesty's service and for the honour of your selves so governe matters there as you shall finde necessarie cause to resolve in your owne discrecions and judgmentes when you know that wee are ignorant of that which you do understand. And forasmuch as it is evident that the enemy's fleete had a resolved and mayne

A free hand
for the officers
in the West.

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purpose of some enterprize on some parte of the coaste, her Majesty's pleasure is for the better security of her fleete and resistaunce unto the enemye (if they shall proceed in their intencion) that you shall repaire and furnish her shippes with the mastes and other provisions of the Easterlinges that you have brought in, that they maie be in readynes either for service against the enemy or to be brought about when tyme shall serve.

And because you shall have need of money for the defraying of charges in these services, and especially for the discharging of the maryners that you shall finde either unserviceable by sicknes or superfluous, you shall understand that whereas 3,000^{li.} hath bin here delivered to George Carey of Cockinton, esquire, for the provision of victualls for the shippes and souldiers, wee have given him order and direccion by our letters to deliver unto you or any two of you 2,000^{li.} of the said money, to be employed and bestowed (as is before mencioned) uppon such occasions as you shall finde there most needfull for her Majesty's service, but especially for the payement and dischargd of the overplus of maryners and those that are sicke. Of which money, as the same is to be issued under the handes of you 4, the Lord Thomas Howard, the Lord Mountjoye, Sir Walter Rawleigh and Sir Francis Vere, or of any 3 or 2 of you (because some one, and especially Sir Walter Rawleigh, maie happen to be absent for other service in the countrey), so wee do wishe and praie you to cause a booke of accomptes to be kept of the particular expences and issuinges of the said money, that her Majesty maie be the better therupon informed how the same is expended.

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A letter to the Lord Justices and the rest of the Council in Ireland. Forasmuch as now uppon the death of the late Lord Burgh, the Lord Deputy of that realme, her Majestie hath thought it very necessary for the governement thereof to have the charge committed in this sorte followinge; that is to have our very good Lord the Earle of Ormonde to have the principall rule in all martiall causes as

her Majesty's Lieutenant Generall and Captaine of her
 armie, for the which purpose her Majestie sendeth
 thither her speciall comission under her Greate Seale of
 England authorisinge him therunto, as by the said comission
 now sent thither shall more specially appeare. And
 yet nevertheles her Majestie hath thought it convenient
 that such two as are named to be Lords Justices at
 this present should also continew in th'exercise of their
 offices for all other partes of governement of that realme
 savinge for martiall causes.

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Uppon consideracion whereof of this her Majesty's devision
 of these two authorities it maie be that somme doubtess
 maie arise emongst you for the manner of proceeding
 therein, whereby some hinderance might growe to her
 Majesty's service. For clearing whereof wee lett you knowe
 that her Majesty's meaninge is that you should all joyne
 together as Counsellours, amongst whome you, the Earle of
 Ormond, hath by your office and birthe a principall place,
 and though you have speciall comission to comaunde in all
 causes martiall like as the former Deputies of that realme
 have had the like, yet it is very convenient that your
 Lordship should in all causes of weight concerning theis
 martiall services use the counsell and advice of others of
 the Counsell hable to give advise therein. And to that
 ende your Lordship shall do well presently upon assemblie
 of the Counsell to seeke to be informed by them of the
 state of the Queene's armie and her forces, where the
 same are employed, and likewise to be enformed of the
 late Deputie's purposes for employment of the same
 forces, and further also to understand of the strength
 of the same in every particular bandes, and what defectes
 there hath bin lately founde in the same and how farre
 forthe they have bin supplied, and besides this to be
 informed how they are provided or maie be provided of
 victualls, so as your Lordship uppon this conference
 amongst all you of the Counsell maie be instructed
 thereby both how to proceede in this service and in the

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employment of the said armies and forces, and there-
uppon to cause a perticular state of the same to be
registred into writinge and subscribed by your Lord-
ship and the Counsell and a doble thereof to be sent
hither, wheruppon such further direccion maie be given
as cause shall require, and in the meane season not
to forbear any accion necessarie to be taken in hande
spetially for the defence of the English Pale and other
countreyes in obedience to her Majestie.

And for the further instruccion of you, the Earle of
Ormonde, now appointed Generall of her Majesty's forces, you
shall do well to comaunde all such letters and instruccions
as have bin of late tyme sent to the late Lord Deputy
to be presented to you and the Counsell, and theruppon
to consider more particularly what matters have bin
commanded or recomended to the said Deputie to have
bin executed, and to consider how the same have bin
suspended and not executed, and whither the same
shall not be necessary to be recontinued and executed,
and upon perusall of such causes, considering there (*sic*)
are of severall natures, such of them as shalbe in their
nature martiall and to be executed by forces and men of
warre you, the Earle, shall take particular informacion of
them, and with advise of Counsell shall take uppon you
the charge and execucion thereof, for the doinge and per-
forminge whereof theis our letters which wee write by her
Majesty's comandement joyntly with your comission shalbe
your sufficient warrant.

And all other causes so remaining unexecuted pertaining
either to matter of justice or to the order of her Majesty's
landes and revenewes which ought to have bin determined
by the late Lord Deputy and you of the Counsell if he
had lived, you, the Lords Justices, being by your office
now principall Governours of that realme, shall with the
privity of the said Earle of Ormond as a principall
Counsellour and other her Majesty's ordinarie officers take

charge and care to cause the same to be determynd in like sort as the same ought to have bin by the late Lord Deputie and Counsell.

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And though these our advises for your direccions tend in generalitie to all matters that ought to have bin ordered by the late Lord Deputie and Counsell, yet we do spetiallie commend unto you the present care for the executing and perfecting of the ordinances sent this last yeare concerning the manner of payment of the armie by waie of lending of sommes of money, and for the full satisfaccion of their due monethlie wages to allow unto them certaine apparell which her Majestie hath caused to be provided and at this present is sent thither, which wee require to be distributed to the releefe of the soldiers according to her Majesty's gracious meaning. And though wee have partlie understood from the late Lord Deputie somme difficulties that did arise for the manner of the distribucion thereof, yet because he did advertise his opynion that he had thought of meanes how to remedie the same difficulties, wee require you to seeke to be informed how the said Lord Deputie intended th'execucion of those things, and to follow as reason shall appeare such order as his Lordship did intend, or otherwise by advise of you, the Counsell, wholie together to determyne how to proceede to th'execucion of the said ordinances, and not for any smale scruples mooved as hath bin by you, the Treasurer, to forbear th'execucion thereof, for otherwise it shalbe thought a particuler profitt of private persons may impeach the execucion of so beneficiall an order that hath bin thought good for all her Majesty's servitours to be duellie satisfied, and for the reformation of the abuse of captaines in charging her Majestie with numbers of men not extant in service.

You shall understand that heere are arrived of late sondrie capitaines that have bene discharged by the late Lord Deputy, to whom due payment hath ben made of sondry sommes of money claymed to be due to them upon warrantes brought thence subscribed by you, the Treasurer,

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but how the nombers whereof they had former chardge are ymployed, as we hope they have bene to supply, we are not dylie informed.

You are also to be remembred that besides great sommes of money sent thither there have ben victualls sent into that realme this laste yeare of verie great value, to the chardges of her Majestie above 20,000^{li}, but how the same hathe ben ymployed and distributed and what values the same have bene uttered to the armies to be defaultked upon their paies hitherto we coulde never gett any certyficat made from thence, which wee require to be distinctly certefied without delay. And where you, the Treasurer, did write lately that you would send a declaracion of the expences of the last xxij^m^{li} sent thither, wee shalbe glad to see some good accompt thereof and shalbe moved therby to send you a further proportion of treasure, which when yt shall come thither we thincke convenyent that no parte thereof be yssued for any martiall services but by the privy and warrant of you, the Earle of Ormond, and the same to be so expended as therby no person be over paied, but that first defalcacion be made of all imprestes of money and of all victualls and of municions, and due checks also made of men deficient and wanting. And herein we require you to have care that no capitaines or other servitors that remayne here do receive any paie, but to be duly chequed for the tyme of their absence.

Finally, we require you all presentlie to enter into consideracion what shalbe thought necessarie to be taken in hand for the staie of the rebellion, and specially for the troubles that may aryse in Leynister to the offence of the Englishe Pale, or otherwyse from the partes of Ulster to the Englishe Pale that waies.

Wee likewyse desire to be informed how the garrisons at Armaugh and the Blackwater are victualled, being matters in our opinion most necessary to be regarded in this tyme, and in like sort we would be informed how the state of the contries nere about Knockfergus, especially

of the two Clandeboys of the Rowte and the Glynnnes, for that by private letters sent hither from Sir John Chichester, p. 39. having chardge at Knockfergus, we understand that of late the capitaines of the contries have ben reduced by her Majesty's forces to obedience, and that they were sent to Dublin and there have submitted themselves, whereof otherwyse we have not heard by letters or message from the late Lord Deputy, but would be glad to have the same well confirmed.

Primo Novembris, 1597.

This day Edmond Jermin, esquire, Thomas Methwold, John Wormley, Thomas Wright, Robert Litton, Robert Hubberd, William Goodwyn and James Rownse of the county of Norffolk being sent for by their Lordships' warrant made their apparance, and were commaunded to give their attendance severally on their Lordships at their meetinge in Counsell, and not to depart till they shalbe dismissed.

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before the
Council.

The same day also the Lord Dudley, accordinge to a bond taken of his Lordship, made his apparance, and was injoynd to attend their Lordships at their meetinge, and not to depart without license.

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Signed by the

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Erle of Essex.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Instructions given to Sir Oliver Lambert, knight, beinge appointed to take the chardge to put 400 souldiers levied in the county of Kent into the towne of Ostend, beseiged at this present.

Reinforce-
ments for
Ostend.

Whereas her Majestie in regard of the knowledge and experience you have in martiall affaires hath mad choice of you to put into the towne of Ostende certain companies of souldiers that are levied in the countyes of Kent and Sussex,

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you shall first repaire with all expedicion to our very good Lord the Lord Cobham, her Majesty's Lieutenante of the county of Kent, to whome you shall shewe thes instruccions, and require his Lordship to permytt you to take a viewe of the 400 men that are levied in that county to see they be able and serviceable men and armed, and [with] other furniture meete for the service they are to be imployed in.

Those 400 men are to be dystributed unto 4^{re} companies (*sic*), whereof twoe, captaine Errington and capten Pynner, are sent downe from hence. The choice of the other twoe ys left to the Lord Cobham either of capten Wyat, capten Johnson and Sir John Brooke, whoe are all ready there.

So soone as the men are delivered unto you you shall with th'advyse of Sir Henry Palmer see them forthwith imbarqued in soch hoyes and vessells as are made ready there for that purpose.

And yf Sir Charles Percy shall not arryve there with two other companies that come from Portesmouthe before your imbarquinge, nor th'other 400 men that are levyed in the county of Sussex, you shall not stay for them, but use all expedicion to see those 400 men imbarqued and transported to Ostende, levyinge (*sic*) order for the rest to do the lyke.

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If uppon your approche into the towne you shall find Sir Edward Norreyes is not so restrayned and shoott in but that he maie send unto you, you shall do your best indeavour to have his advyse which way with lesse dainger and most convenyency you maie put in thes men that are sent for the releefe of the towne, omyttinge nevertheles noe opportunitie to performe the service with all expedicion as you shall espie occacion by the knowledge you have of the place and the ennemye's approche.

If uppon viewe of the place you shall finde you may put thes 400 men into the towne and with drawe yourself againe without engaging yourself in apparant dainger, then

yt ys thought meet that so soone as the men are taken in you your selfe shall retorne in soch sorte as you maie doe yt best with your safety. Otherwyse yf you shalbe forced to staie there, then you shall delyver soch letters as herewithall you shall receave for the Governor, to use your aide and advyse for the better defence of that place.

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These companies and some others that are directed thether are to be under the chardge of Sir Charles Percy as Collonell of those companies yf he himselfe shall come thether, otherwyse they shall remayne under your chardge as Collonell of that regyment. And yf Sir Charles Percy shalbe at Dover before your imbarquinge you maie conduct him to the towne and forbear your selfe to goe in with the companies, unles in regard of the knowledge you have of the place yt shalbe thought requisyt for the furtheraunce of the service and safety of the men that you your selfe adventure to goe in with them.

If you cannot imbarque your men at Dover, then you maie imbarque them at any other place where you shall thinck yt moste convenient.

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downe into Sussex to have the chardge of 100 men of the 400 that are appointed to be levied in that county.

You shall forthwith repaire into the county of Sussex to Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, one of the Deputie Lieutenantes of that county, with the other three captens sent downe thether at this present.

You shall let him understand that you are appointed to take the viewe of the 400 men that are levyed in that county for the succor of Ostende, to see they be men well chosen for habillyty of body and furnished with armour and wepon fyt for service.

You shall take 100 of thes men for your owne bande and appoint the other 300 to the other three captaines sent downe thether at this tyme to have the chardge of the same.

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So soone as you have receaved them by rolle indented and subscribed by the Deputie Lieutenantes and your selfe and the rest of the captaines that have chardge of a companie, you shall conduct them to the porte of Ry and see the said companies with all expedicion imbarked in soche shippinge as ys provided there to serve for their transportacion, and so to direct your course to Ostende.

And yf you shall happen to meete with Sir Charles Percy by the waie you shall followe his direction for the puttinge in of those souldiers into the towne of Ostende, because he ys to have the chardge of them. Otherwyse to goe thether directly and to use the best meanes you maie to put in the men with all expedicion.

If you meete any of her Majesty's shippes on the Narrowe Seas you shall require their assystaunce for your waftinge and safe conduct of them.

But yf you shall understand that yf (*sic*) the troupes that are to come out of Fraunce shall happen to be there before your commynge you shall then forbear to put in your men.

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A letter to the Lord Admyrall and the Lord Buckhurst. Whereas your Lordships have received order from her Majestie by her owne letters written lately unto you to put in readynes the nomber of 400 men out of the countie of Sussex under your Lordships' Lieutennancies to be employed for the releif of the towne of Ostend according to suche directions as you should receive from me, the Earle of Essex. Forasmuch as her Majestie hath altered her purpose for the sending of me, the said Earle, to the seacoast, wee have thought good to give your Lordships theis dyrections for the better furtherance of the service. First, your Lordship shall understand that there is choice made of fower capitaines to be sent downe thither, capitaine Symmes, capitaine Dutton, capitaine Garrett and capitaine Crompton, to whom the 400 men are to be distributed by your Lordships' Deputie Lieutennantes an hundreth for a companie, all to

be commaunded by Sir Charles Percy when he and they shall meet at sea and be put into the towne, untill which tyme capitaine Symmes, being auncientest capitaine, is to have the cheif commaundment and conduction of theis 400. For the furtherance of this service consysting cheiflie, as your Lordships know, in th'expedicion, we doubt not but your Lordships will give speedie order to your Deputie Lieutenantes to see the aforesaid 400 men taken up in those partes of the shire that are nerest to the porte of Ry, where they are to be imbarqued, and to see them chosen out of the trayned bands of hable persons and furnyshed with armour and weapons fytt for the use of souldiers, and also to cause a convenient proporcion of vyctuals to be provided to serve them on shipbord for their transportation, the charg whereof shalbe answered upon notyce what the same doth amount unto either to the Maiour of Ry, to whom likewyse wee have written for that purpose, or those that shall provide the same. Wherein praying your Lordships' speciall care to have expedicion used, considering howe much y^t ymporteth to have the towne speedely releived, we bid you, &c.

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A letter to the Lord Cobham. Whereas your Lordship received order from her Majesty by her owne letters written unto you of late to levy the number of 400 men out of the countie of Kent under your Lordship's Lieutenancy to be ymployed for the releif of the towne of Ostend, according to suche dyrection as you should receive from me, the Earle of Essex. Forasmuch as her Majesty sithence those letters written hathe altered her purpose for the sending downe of me, the said Earle, wee are therefore to lett your Lordship understand that Sir Oliver Lambert is at this tyme sent downe to your Lordship to take the chardg upon him with Sir Henrie Palmer to see the aforesaid 400 men with suche shipping as already is staied and provided there put into the towne of Ostend, according to suche directions as he hath received for the better execucion of that service, wherewith he hathe

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chardge to acquaynt your Lordship. We do also send downe capitaine Errington and capten Pynner to have the chardge of two companies of those 400. And because capitaine Wyatt and Johnson are already in the contrey we leave yt to your Lordship to make choice of them bothe or of one of them and of your cosen, Sir John Brooke, to have chardg of the other two hundreth, or in their absence of some suche other as are there to be had, being well knowne to be men of good merytt in service.

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For capitaine Price in regard of his late sicknes we do thincke yt meete he maie remayne about your Lordship to be ymploied for the better defence of that contrey or otherwyse as there maie be occasion to use him. For the furtherance of this service consyting cheiflie, &c. (as in the letter goinge before for the county of Sussex). If the forces that are to come from St. Vallery shall arrive at Ry before thes, yt is meant those shalbe only sent and these to be staied.

A letter to Sir Henrie Palmer, Admirall of the Narrowe Seas. Whereas Sir Oliver Lambert, knight, is by her Majesty's appointment sent downe with chardge to see the 400 men which are levied in the countie of Kent to be put into the towne of Ostend, beseiged at this present, for the better defence and succour of the same place, and to that end he is dyrected to repaire to our very good Lord the Lord Cobham to take a veiwe of the aforesaid men and to see them distributed to capitaines, and so imbarqued and transported thether in suche shipping as is provided and staied there for that purpose, wherein he is also dyrected to use your advise, helpe and conduction for the better effecting of that service according to suche dyrections as he hathe received for that purpose, wherewith he will acquaint you. Theis shalbe therefore to require you to joyne with him in this service and to see the men imbarqued in those vessells that are staied and provided for that purpose and to conduct him thither, for the better performance

whereof you may use suche long boates as latelie have ben sent to the Downes or anie other vessells or boates you shall finde in those partes that may serve for the landing of men. The care of this service we recommend earnestly unto you, upon conference with him to consider what provisions shalbe necessary to be made and especially to use all expedicion, the matter ymporting so greatly her Majesty's honour to have the towne, being under the chardge of an Englishe Governour and garrison, to be releived.

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A letter to Sir Edward Norreis, Governour of the towne and garrison of Ostend. Her Majestie having intelligence that the towne of Ostend, where there is a garrison of Englishe souldiers under your government, is beseeged by the forces of the Cardinall, hathe given direction for a thousand hablemen to be presently sent unto you for the better defence of that place, whereof Sir Charles Percy is appointed to be Collonell, of which 400 are levied out of the county of Kent. And because Sir Oliver Lambert was here present at the tyme of the dyrection given, to whom the state of the towne is well knowne, being also a gentleman of good experience and knowledge in martiall affaires, there is especiall choice made of him in regard of his particuler knowledg of that towne to conduct the 400 levied in the countie of Kent and to see them put into the towne with all expedicion, as also the other 600 yf they come tyme enoughe to be put into the place. Of all which regiment, althoughe wee have by her Majesty's commaundement referred the care of sending them into the towne especially to Sir Oliver Lambert and Sir Henry Palmer, not minding to have him personallie enter into the place yf without suche entrey personall he can send in those nombers, yet when Sir Charles Percy shalbe arrived you are to understand that her Majestie hathe made him cheif commaunder of the said 1,000 men. And now to come to the matter of your private, because yt is not unknowne unto us that there hathe ben exceeding great unkyndnes betwene you, in regard that at this

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time he hathe undertaken this service for the releif of that place wee are in her Majesty's name to chardge you not onlie to lay aside all former displeasure that hathe passed betwene you, but yf yt shall happen the gentleman do remayne there ingaged so that he cannot gett forthe agayne without exposing himself to imminent perill, that you will heare his advise and counsell in all matters concerning the defence of that place according to her Majesty's pleasure, as he hathe promysed us on his behalf to forgett all former unkyndnes and to dispose himself to concur with you in all freindly sorte. Of which your discretion in this cause, althoughe wee have no reason to beleve otherwyse then that you will [lay] aside all private passion in respect of publicke duty, yet could we not but as Counsellors admonishe you thereof for your better caution.

* This letter
was stayed
before the
money was
payd.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Whereas her Majestie hath given direction to have the nomber of a thowsand souldiers levied in certaine of the marytime counties of the realme and reduced under nyne captaines, whereof eight of them are to have the chardge of a hundreth men a peece and two hundreth are to make one bande to be under the chardge of Sir Charles Percy, knight, whoe hathe the chardge and commaundement of that regyment, and there ys a warraunt directed unto your Lordship for defrayinge of the chardges for the victuells, transportacion and other necessary expences for the said forces accordinge to soche order as shalbe taken by any fower of us, whereof your Lordship ys to be one. For as moche as thes eight captaines are presently sent downe to the sea coaste to take the chardge of those men and to conduct them to Ostende for the releefe of that place, [and] Sir Olyver Lambert, knight, ys also sent downe and appointed to see the men imbarqued and put into the towne, these shalbe to pray your good Lordship out of soche treasure as by her Majesty's warraunt ys appointed for that service to cause the allowaunce of tenn

* Original marginal note.

pounds to be delyvered to every one of the foresaide captaines by waye of imprest to be deducted out of their intertaynement, and to paye to Sir Oliver Lambert that hathe the chardge to see them put into the towne of Ostende the somme of xx'v markes by way of imprest, accordinge to a scedule hereunto annexed. And these our letters with her Majesty's Privie Seale shalbe sufficient warraunt to your p. 46 Lordship in that behalfe. So, &c.

Sir Oliver Lambert	-	-	xiiij ^{li.} vj ^{s.} viij ^{d.}
Capten Anthony Crompton	-		x ^{li.}
Capten Anthony Errington	-		x ^{li.}
Capten Nicholas Pynnar	-		x ^{li.}
Capten Garret Dillon	-	-	x ^{li.}
Capten Edward Symmes	-		x ^{li.}
Capten Jeffery Dutton	-	-	x ^{li.}
Capten Wyatt	-	-	x ^{li.}
Capten Johnson	-	-	x ^{li.}

3 9^{ber}, 1597.

Lord Treasurer. Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham. Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas and Francis Harvey, Distress in
esquire. Wee have receaved a peticion in the behalfe Essex.
of the inhabitantes of the towne of Dedham in the county
of Essex wherby humble suite hath bin made unto us
for license to make provision of one hundreth quarters
of barly and rye for the poore people of that towne out
of the countie of Norffolke, in regarde that the towne is
said to consist of a great number of poore that depende
upon clothinge and never have provision of any good
stoare of graine theraboutes; nor are able themselves
to send unto the markett townes. And besides it is added
by their informacion that in the neere market townes
theraboutes, as at Colchester and other townes, they are
not suffered to buy so much as is sufficient when it is to

be founde in the markettes, and that most commonlie the markette townes are so unfurnished as it is not to be had there. Uppon this humble suite and in speciall favour to the poore people of that towne wee have bin moved to grant them warrant for provision of the quantity of graine aforesaid out of Norffolke, the rather because certaine persons of that towne that have followed the suite have entred into bondes to make no greater provision then is mencioned of the hundred quarters, and that the same shalbe no otherwise employed then to the relief of the poore. But withall wee are to lett you understand that if their complaint be true towching the scarsetie in the markettes, wee cannot but thinke there is some want of due care and government in the countrey, and do praie you to do your best endevoure to cause it to be amended and to take order that the markettes thereaboutes maie be better furnished for the relief of the poore, whose necessity hath made us yeald this license aforesaid, our meaning and purpose being not hereby to impeach and infringe by this example the former and generall restraint of makinge such provisions out of the marketts. And so, &c.

3 9^{ber}, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

Provisions
for Lord
Cumberland's
squadron.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publish (*sic*) officers within the counties of Suffolk and Essex. Whereas the bearers hereof, Francis Covell and *—— Skelton, have made provision in the counties of Suffolk and Essex of a certaine quantity of victualls for the shippes of our very good Lord the Earl of Cumberland that are forthwith to goe to the sea for her Majesty's speciall service, viz.,

* Blank in the MS.

two hundreth quarters of pease, 200 bushells of oatmeale, 60 firkins of butter and 40 waye of cheese, these shalbe to will and require you to suffer the said bearers, or any others assigned by them bringing this our warrant, to transport out of the counties of Suffolke and Essex the quantities of the provisions abovemenconed, and to convey the same unto the shippes either by lande or water as they shall finde most convenient. Whereof faile you not, and this shalbe your sufficient warrant. From the Lords.

These letters to the Lord Keeper were dated the 3 of 9^{ber}. p. 47.

Signed:

Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Keeper. Whereas wee have founde of late that the want of Deputie Lieutenants in the countie of Wilteshire hath bin a great impediment to the dispatch of her Majesty's service in that countie, by reason that either by death or departure out of the shire there are none left (except only Sir Henry Knevett) of those that were formerly in Comission, which want is so much the more inconvenient by reason of the farre absence of our very good Lord the Earle of Pembroke, her Majesty's Lieutenant of the said county, who is for the most parte resident in Wales. Forasmuch as we have had good knowledg of the sufficiency of Sir Francis Popham to do her Majesty service in that place and he is well known to the Lord Lieutenant of that countie to be a meete man to be his Deputie, wee do therfore recomend him unto your Lordship together with Sir Henry Knevett that was formerly one of the Deputie Lieutenantes, prayinge your Lordship to renew the Comission of Lieutenancie for that countie of Wilteshire to the said Earle of Pembroke, and therein to sett downe and ordaine for his Deputie Lieutenantes the aforesaid parties Sir Henry Knevett and

New Deputy
Lieutenants
under Lord
Pembroke.

* Sir Francis Popham to be made Deputie Lieutenant, county of Wilteshire.

Sir Francis Popham, according to the Comission granted unto your Lordship by her Majesty under the Great Seale of England in that behalf. And this our letter subscribed by so many of us as her Majesty's said Comission doth require shalbe your sufficient warrant. So, &c.

* Sir Hughe Portman and Jhon Coles to be made Deputie Lieutenants, county of Somerset.

The like letter *verbatim* was written to his Lordship for the renewing of the Comission of Lieutenancie to the Earle of Pembroke for the countie of Somersett and to adde to the former Deputie Lieutenant Sir Frauncis Hastings, Sir Hugh Portman and John Coles, esquire.

* William Harbert, Richard Harbert, Richard Morris to be made Deputy Lieutenants, county Montgomery.

Another letter to the Lord Keeper. Whereas wee have understood that there is want of sufficient Deputy Lieutenantes in the countie of Montgomery, by reason whereof her Majesty's service in that countie maie be much hindered unlesse speedy order be taken for a supply. Forasmuch as wee have bin well enformed of the sufficiencie of William Harbert of Poole Castle, Richard Harbert of the Parke and Richard Morrys, esquires, and they are knowen unto our very good Lord the Earle of Pembroke, her Majesty's Lieutenant of that countie, to be meet men for the place of Deputie Lieutenantes under his Lordship, wee do therfore praie your Lordship to renew the Comission of Lieutenancie unto the said Earle of Pembroke for the countie of Montgomery, and therein to ordaine and sett downe for his Deputie Lieutenantes the said William Harbert, Richard Harbert and Richard Morrys according to the Comission that hath bin graunted unto your Lordship by her Majestie under the Great Seale of England in that behalf. And this our letter subscribed by so many of us as her Majesty's said Comission doth require shalbe your Lordship's sufficient warrant. So, &c.

Postscript. Wee have thought good to lett your Lordship know that whereas John Price of Newtowne was in the former Comission, wee do thinke meet that for some speciall cause concerning him, whereof wee have bin enformed, that he be left out of this Comission to be renewed.

* Original marginal notes.

3 November, 1597.

This present daie John Tesmonde of the cyttie of Norwich, Alderman, bounde to appere before their Lordships entered his appearaunce, and was enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give his attendaunce, and not to departe tyll by order of their Lordships he should be lycenced, which enteraunce of his appearaunce ys for safeguard and indempnyty of his bonde.

Appearance
before the
Council.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, to paie or cause to be paied to Sir Robert Crosse, knight, the somme of nyne pounds for his postage and other his necessary expences sent to Dover, Sandwich and other places in the county of Kent for her Majesty's speciall services.

Warrant for
payment.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Howard and Lord Mountjoye. You shall understand that her Majestie, uppon conference with our very good Lord the Lord of Essex, hath thought yt meete that the goods and freight in the greate pryce that was taken in this last Voyage shalbe taken out of the Spanishe shipp in which they are and laden into other convenient shippinge to be brought hether, to which end your Lordships shall make choice of three or 4^r of thos shippes appertanyng unto the cytty of London that were in the said Voyage and are to repare hether, into which those goods maie be bestowed, and to send them to Dartmouth where the pryze ys. And because those goods are thought to be of good vallew, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall make choice of the Dread Nawght or of some other her Majesty's shippes or anie other convenient vessells in those partes as you shall thincke fytttest for that purpose to attend on them to waft and conduct them for their better safety. Mr. Carmarthen ys sent downe thether by her Majesty's comaundement to joyne with Mr. Carewe of Cockington, Mr. Champernowne, Mr. Ridgwaie and Blackaller for this service. For the other vessells taken in the journey there shall hereafter direction be also given you howe to dyspose

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Voyage.

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of the same. In the meane season wee praie your Lordships to consider howe according to her Majesty's good pleasure [and] this direction now given you [they] maie with moste conveniency and safety be sent up, and to see the shippes that shalbe appointed to bringe and waft the same so furnished as shalbe meete for the purpose. So, &c.

A letter to George Carey of Cockington, Richard Champernowne, Thomas Ridgway and Richard Blackaller. Whereas her Majesty hathe thought meet that the goodes and freight in the great prise shalbe unladen and taken into some other vessells that are there to be brought up hether, her Majesty hathe appointed you to see the same don according to suche directions as are given to Mr. Carmerthen, who is sent downe thither by her Majesty's order for that purpose, with whom you are appointed to joyne for the performance of that service, and therefore we are to require you to repaire to Dartmouthe, where the prise is, at suche tyme as certaine shippes of London that were in the late Voyage shalbe sent thither to take in the said goodes, and to see the same unladen, inventaried and bestowed in the aforesaid shippes. For the better execucion of this service you shall followe suche directions as are given to Mr. Carmarthen, wherewith he will acquaint you.

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Instructions given to Mr. Carmerthen, being sent down to Dartmouth by her Majesty's commaundement to see the goods that are in the great prise to be unladen and put into other ships to be brought up hether to London.

Whereas her Majestie hathe thought yt meet that the goodes and lading in the great prise taken in the late Voyage shalbe brought up hether to London, you shall with all expedicion make your repaire unto Dartmouthe, where the said prize is at this present, and upon your arrivall there you shall send suche letters as are delivered unto you at this tyme unto Mr. Carey of Cockington, Mr. Champernowne and the rest of the Commyssioners

that are appointed to joyne with you in this service, whom you shall require to repaire unto you at suche tyme as the shippes of London maie be there that are appointed to take in those goodes.

Those Comissioners and you togeather shall cause the goodes and lading of the great prise to be taken out of the said shipp to be inventaried and bestowed in those ships of London that shalbe sent to Dartmouthe from the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Mountjoy in suche sorte as you shall thincke most convenient for the safe sending up of the same hether.

For the better safety of the same there is order given to those Lords both to send three or fower of the shippes of London unto Dartmouth and to send also the Dreadnought or some other of her Majesty's shippes to serve to waite them.

Wee doubt not but you will use all care and discretion both in taking the goodes out of the prize and in seing the same so bestowed as nothing maie be imbesselled, spoiled or receive hurte.

And yf there be any want of vyctuals, maryners or other necessary provysions for the better furnyshing of those shippes that are appointed to take in those goodes, you shall see the same provided and furnished in suche sort as shalbe convenyent.

If all the Commissioners cannott be present at the service yt shall suffice that any two of them do assist you. The rest we leave to your discretion.

A letter to the Lord Cobham. Her Majesty being now informed that the Cardynall hathe left of his purpose for the seige of Ostend, whereby there shall be no occasion to send any supplie of forces thither, hathe given direction unto us to require your Lordship to procede no further to trouble the contrey with those preparacions that were intended for the releif of that place, wherein we do finde your Lordship omitted no care and travell to further the

Ostend no longer in danger.

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service. And where we did give to Sir Henry Palmer advise of certaine shippes at St. Helens Point, because we do now understand they were certaine shippes with the Vyce-Admirall of the Lowe Contries that were in this late Voyage, he may forbear to take that course for them he was required, and according to our former direction followe that order he was required to take for the bringing over of our Englishe forces from St. Vallerie's.

A letter to Sir Charles Percy, knight. Whereas you had direction to take the chardge of 200 men that are at Portesmouthe that were taken out of the St. Andrewe and to transport them to Ostend for the defence of that place, forasmuch as her Majestie doth understand that the Cardynall is gon from thence so as there shalbe no cause to have the towne supplied for this tyme with any further forces, theis shalbe therfore to require you to cause those 200 souldiers to be bestowed thereaboutes in suche sorte as shalbe most convenyent untill there shalbe other direction, and to dysmisse the rest of the souldiers.

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Appearances
before the
Council.

This day Thomas Wade of Newton in the countie of Norffolk being bound by the Justices of that countie in recognizance made his apparance, which is entred for his indempnity, and in their Lordships' names he is injoynd to give his attendance on their Lordships, and not to depart without lycense.

The same day William Peacocke of the citty of Yorke, merchant, being sent for by warrant from some of their Lordships made his apparance, and was commaunded in their Lordships' names to give his attendance, and not to depart till he be dysmissed.

4^o *Novembris*.

This present daie Richard Marcroft of Oswestrie in the countie of Salopp, yeoman, beinge bounde to make his appearance before their Lordships did recorde his appearaunce

in this Booke of Councell, and was in their Lordships' names enjoyned to give his attendaunce, and not to depart till he had obtayned lycence of their Lordships.

A letter to Sir Henry Palmer, knight, Vice-Admyrall of the Narrowe Seas. Whereas you receaved order and direction to bringe her Majesty's forces that are at St. Vallerie's under the chardge of Sir Arthur Savage, knight, to be there imployed as there might have bene occacion, because yt ys thought there shalbe at this present no occacion for their service there her Majestie hath nowe resolved that the foresaid souldiers with their leaders shalbe conducted to the Isle of Wight, where uppon their arryvall they shall have direction from our verie good Lord the Lord Chamberlaine in what sorte they shalbe further imploied. These shalbe therefore to require you to cause them to be taken into those hoyes that are provided for that purpose and to see them wafted with two of her Majesty's shippes to the Isle of Wight, there to take soche course as they shalbe directed, to which ende wee have wrytten to Sir Arthur Savage to see his companies with their captaines and officers imbarqued in those shippes you shall send thether and to lande at the Isle of Wight. Therefore requiring you to take order herein accordinglie, wee bid.

The Picardy
troops to be
brought to the
Isle of Wight
for further
service in
Ireland.

A letter to Sir Arthure Savage, knight. Whereas there was direction given to Sir Henry Palmer to repaire to St. Vallerie's to take in both you and your companies and their capitaines and officers into suche vessells as were provided here for that purpose, and to land you at Dover or at the Downes. Because now there shalbe no use of your service in those partes her Majestie hathe thought yt meete you shall dyrect your course to the Isle of Wight and from thence to take your course into the realme of Ireland as you shall further understand upon your arrivall there, which her Majesty's intent we do only make knowne to yourself and do thincke meet you keepe yt secrete untill your men be brought over. For which purpose there is dyrection given to Sir Henry Palmer to

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see you wafted over to the Isle of Wight with some of her Majesty's ships of war, those hoies also that are provided for your transportacion being very good vessells. So requiring you to see the said souldiers imbarked and transported accordingly, we bid you farewell.

Postscript. For the coates for the souldiers and the overplus of your intertaynment the same shalbe delivered unto you at the Isle of Wight or at Portesmouth.

Victuals for
the Navy.

A letter to the Highe Sherif and Justices of the county of Norffolk. Whereas occasions have bene offred unto her Majestie of late for the yearly setting forthe of her Navy to the seas and the same being like to contynue, it is thought very necessary there should be a provision made of certaine kyndes of victuells before hand to be at all tymes in a readynes for that purpose. Forasmuch as her Majesty is desirous to have those provisions raysed so as there maie growe as lyttle greif thereby to her Majesty's subjectes as maie be, wee have thought good before the giving of any full dyrection therein to require you to certefy us under your handes what quantityes of wheate, mault and peaze in your opinions maie be conveniently had for her Majesty's said service out of that countie, her Highnes paying for the same ready money at suche prices as shalbe agreed upon with the parties, using her Prerogative therein no further but onlie for the bringing of yt away when yt is provided to her Majesty's Storehouse in London, which upon your answere we meane to give order for. This proportion to be had from you we do expect may be somewhat the more in regard both of the good payment that is to be made for the same, and also for that all suche persons as have ben suffred indyrectly to ingrosse into their handes great quantityes thereof heretofore for their private gayne are nowe to be more strictly looked into and restrained then they have ben. And so expecting your speedy answer herein, we, &c.

The like to the counties of Lincolne and Cambridge.

5^o November, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord North.

Mr. Chancellor of
th'Exchequer.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Montjoy. Havinge understood by your letters both to our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex and to others of us that the Spanishe fleet was so severed by the stormes as yt is forced backe upon their owne coastes and that in your opinions they are not like in short tyme to be so repaired, howsoever their purpose maie contynue, as to be hable speedely to pursue their former enterprise, and fynding also by your gennerall opinion that her Majestye's fleete lieth there but dangerously in this wynter season, subject to stormes and tempestes, and therefore wishe the shippes should be brought about into some other harborowe where they maie more convenyently be put in readines and all their lackes repaired with expedicion to resyst any suche malitious enterprise. Her Majesty being herewith made acquainted and falling into consideration of all theis particulers hath commaunded us to let you knowe that she alloweth well of theis your opinions, and is pleased that you, the Lord Thomas Howard, as the principall person in that fleet, with all the capitaines of her Majesty's shippes shall take especiall chardge and care to see all her Navy conveyed to Chattam, having fitted and provided yt according to the necessity of the tyme and occasions. For the better effecting whereof, yf you upon conference togeather shall finde yt needfull to take up any suche provisions as the contrey will yelde, wee have thought yt not amysse to lett you knowe that yf yt be done upon cause and with the advise of you, the Lord Thomas,

The last
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defeated by
the weather.

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the Lord Montjoy, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Vere, we can rather wyshe yt should be provided then that you should tary any longer for any money to be sent from hence, which we cannot so readely send downe, wherein yf you do use the assistance of Mr. Carey of Mr. (*sic*) Cockington his creditt ys sufficient, and we doubt not but he will furnyshe you as far as may be reasonable. And for the souldiers which are in those partes, being of the Lowe Contrey bands, whereof we heare there are 600 there and 200 more at Waymouthe, her Majesty's pleasure is that you do all consider howe to distribute them into some suche places as are likely to be attempted either in Plymouth or in Dartmouth or in Cornwall or elsewhere, to the intent that untill we be sure the Spanishe army is as far from offering a scorne on the coaste as from invasion, they may serve without her Majestie being put to further chardges by intertayning the forces of the ships. Theis thinges out of her princely acceptacion of her (*sic*) indevours doth her Majesty recommend to your discretions, and so hathe she commaunded us to signify unto you. And thus not doubting of your speedy execucion hereof or any thing else incident to this service, we, &c.

Notwithstanding this direction suche of her Majesty's shippes as you have made choice of to waite the ships of London that are appointed to take into them the goodes of the prise maie be sent with them according to our former order, and I, the Lord Treasurer, have written to Sir Francis Godolphine of suche treasure of her Majesty's as he hathe in his handes to paie to your Lordships somuche as you shall have occasion to use for this present service, as by my letters will appeare unto you. And yt is likewyse her Majesty's pleasure that you, the Lord Montjoy and Sir Walter Rawley, yf he have no other occasion of busynes for setling of the estate of Cornwall, shall repaire hether with her Majesty's shippes.

Signed by the

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

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A letter to Sir Charles Percy, knight, and Mr. Hamden Pawlet. Wee have receaved your letters of the fourth of this instant wherein you signifie unto us the order you have taken for the placinge of the 200 souldiers that were taken out of the St. Andrewe in the villages about Portesmouth, and lykewyse the order you have taken for the victuellinge of them untill you shall have other directions from us, wherein wee doe lyke well the order you have taken. And where you require our further directions touchinge the 300 men that were taken into that towne uppon the allarme and intellygence of the Spanish navie, wee by our former letters gave direction unto you for the dyschardg of them and to retayne onlie the other two hundreth until you had other order from hence. For the chardge of their diett, what shalbe thought reasonable uppon certyficat and accompt from you, order shalbe taken to see the same allowed and satysfied. So, &c.

The garrison
of Ports-
mouth.

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Sunday. At the Courte at Whitehall, 6^o *Novembris*, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archebishopp.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Chauncellour of

Lord Northe.

th'Exchequer.

A letter to the Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Worcester requiringe them to see one John Rowland, a poore maymed souldier upon whome her Majestie had longe since bestowed an almes roome there in revercion, placed there, consideringe one Davies, an almes-man there, was lately dead and this poore souldier (as he informed) next in revercion.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

Recusants
allowed to
remain at
liberty.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury his Grace. Where of late wee wrote to your Lordship to pray you to call before you those Recusants that were lately enlarged out of the Castle of Banbury and the Pallace of Elye, because wee do understande thett there were onely fower enlarged upon spetiall cause upon bonde for some sease, which were John Talbott of Grafton, Thomas Throgmorton, John Arundell and Michaell Hare, consideringe they had inlardgment upon some spetiall consideracions wee pray your Lordship they maie be forborne as yet uppon those bonds your Lordship tooke of them by our former letters. So wee wishe your Lordship right hartely well to fare, &c.

Postscript. Wee pray your Lordship to warne them that shall be inlarged to pay the money to her Majestie they are assessed at.

A crippled
soldier's
complaint

A letter to Rice Kemish, esquire. Whereas complaint was exhibited to their Lordships by Willyam James, a poore maymed souldier, that he since his Treasurersshipp for the releefe of maymed souldiers in the county of Monmouthe did detayne from him the one halfe of his allowaunce yeilded him by the country for his releefe, he was required to take order he might have the allowaunce he formerly had, or otherwyse to certify their Lordships of the reasons whie yt ys withdrawne.

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Spanish
prisoners
at large in
England.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London. Whereas we are informed that there are divers Spaniardes that have ben of late taken on the seas and brought into this realme and some others that were taken heretofore who do ordinarily go up and downe the towne at their owne liberty, theis shalbe to praie your Lordship to informe yourself of all those Spaniardes that are within and about the citty of London that are suffred to go abroad, and to see them committed to Bridewell, there to be safely kept with the diet of the house and set a worke yf they be not hable to paie for their dyett, especially those that were lately taken by Newporte, being against reason any

of the King of Spaine's subjectes should be suffred to enjoy theire liberty here in regard of the hard usage that is offred to her Majesty's subjectes that fall into their handes, and that those which were lately taken came with the Spanishe fleete that was sent to invade the realme.

The like to the Maiour of Southampton for that place.

To Sir Ferdinando Gorges and the Maiour of Plymouth to the same effect.

To Sir Charles and Mr. Hamden Powlet for Portesmouth.

A letter to the Earle of Ormond. Whereas we do understand that Sir Edward Bowes, knight, who had the chardge of a footband in Ireland, is lately deceased, forasmuch as his sonne, John Bowes, esquire, hathe ben brought up in the warres under his father who served in her Majesty's wars for many yeares, wee do praie your Lordship that his said sonne maie be appointed to be capitaine of that company his father had, and to cause the chardg of the same company with their officers to be delivered unto him, to remayne hereafter under his chardg with suche intertaynment as his father had and as other capitaines of the like bandes have. And so recommending the gentleman to your Lordship's good favor to be preferred before any other both in regard of his owne towardnes and that his father lost his lyfe in her Majesty's service, we, &c.

Promotion in
the Irish
army.

A letter to the Balyfes of Ipswich. The inclosed petition hath bene exhibited unto us in the behalfe of the masters and marryners belonging to the two shippes called the Costlie and the James of Ipswich that were imploied the last yeere in the voyage at Cales, to the number of iiij^{xx}.

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Claims for the
Cadiz Voyage
still unpaid.

They doe very grevously complaine that they are unsatisfied of theire wages from the tyme they served in that voyage, and that some of them beinge driven to great mysery have bene forced to take farr lesser sommes then ys due unto them. For as moche as order was taken longe sithence by us wherby a good parte of the chardges

of that voyage was by the inhabitaunts of the country paied unto you, wee marvaile moche that the poore marryners should be driven to addresse them selves unto us with soche greivous complaints, and therefore wee will and require you that you will take soche order for their satisfaction as by their agreement and with all reason and equitie they ought to be (*sic*). So requiringe you not to faile herein, wee bid, &c.

A letter to Sir Robert Jermyn and Sir Nicholas Bacon, knights, requiringe them to call the said Bailyffes and other the officers of Ipswich with some of the masters and marryners of those shippes before them and to examine the foresaid complaint, and fynding that they did rest unsatisfied (as yet) of their intertainement, to take present order with the Bailyffes, &c., to give them full satisfaccion as they ought to doe, and to certifie unto their Lordships what the cause ys that hath moved them to suffer thes poore men to rest unsatisfied all this while.

A petition
from Jersey.

A letter to the Governor, Bailyffe and rest of the Justices of the Isle of Jarsey. A petition hath bene exhibited unto us by John de Carteret, an inhabytant of that Isle, which wee send you here inclosed, whereby he dothe complaine that in a cause of controversie for tittle of land betweene him and one John du Maresque, dwelling also in that Isle, he ys delaied of sentence, the cause beinge, as he alledgeth, ready for sentence, by certaine of the Jurates there that are of alyaunce to the said du Maresque, to the suppliant's greate damage and impeachment (as he saieth) of his lawefull tittle. Wee have therefore thought good (yf the matter uppon your examinacion be soche as ys complained on) to require you to take present order that sentence maie without further delaie be given by the Bailyfe and Jurats there accordinge to the justice of the cause, or els to certifie unto us the reasons that doe move them why they have and doe deferr to give sentence in this cause. So, &c.

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Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Chancellor of
Lord North.	th'Exchequer.

A submission subscribed by Thomas Carlton, Lancelot Carlton, John Grame and Richard Grame before the Lords and others of her Majesty's Privy Counsell.

The Grahams
and their
friends.

Wee whose names are hereunder written by every of us with our owne handes do acknowledge our loyall duties to the Quene's most excellent Majestie, our Soveraigne Lady, as her naturall and moste humble subjectes, offering our lands, lives and goodes to be expended for the defence of our contrey wheresoever, and especially of all the West Marches opposite to Scotland, against all invasions or incursions of any Scottes or outlawes. And to the end and furtherance thereof wee do freely offer all our services with all our powers of horse and foote to be ready at the commaundement of her Majesty's Lord Warden of those Marches, our honorable good Lord the Lord Scroope, whose honor we moste hartelie require to accept of theis offers and to be protected with his favor. And as wee shall by word and deed shewe ourselves ready to serve her Majesty by his commaundement, so we humbly require his Lordship to forgett and remytt all matters that have mynistred to his Lordship any occasion of offence, mynding on our partes to eschewe all occasions that might hereafter justly offend his Lordship. And theis our offers and requestes we do by this our wryting present to his Lordship in the names and on the behalf of all our kynsfolke, of what surname soever they be, that are hable to serve on horsebacke or foote, or otherwyse wee shall professe to be enemyes to any of them that shall not assent to joyne with us in

theis offers and respectes, which we do subscribe to the Lords and others of her Majesty's Privy Councell.

Subscribed before their Lordships by

* Thomas Carlton.

John Grame.

Lancelott Carlton.

Richard Grame.

Their Lordships likewyse hereupon have required the Lord Scroope for his parte to accept this their humble submyssion and to remytt all the displeasure his Lordship hathe conceived against them, which he hathe before their Lordships promysed to do. And their Lordships further have thought yt convenyent that his Lordship shall forbear to prosecute any thing against them or any of them that have subscribed this submyssion for any matter heretofore past without their Lordships' knowledge, and that their Lordships may be first made acquainted therewithall, and his Lordship receive further direction from their Lordships in that behalf.

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An appeal
from
Guernsey.

A letter to the Bailife and Jurates of the Isle of Guernsey. Whereas uppon the complaint of George Drake, merchaunt of Exetour, that he could receave no justice nor satisfaction in that Isle against Henry Macham and Hillary Goslyn, inhabytaunts there, for certaine matters betweene them, uppon good bond taken of him with suerties to prosecute his appeale here and to paie the costes and chardges of the defendants yf his appeale shall prove insufficient wee directed our letters unto you requiringe you to take bonds of the foresaid Macham and Goslyn to make their repaire hether by the xvjth daie of Marche last, the said Drake beinge bounde also to followe the appeale, whereof wee have heard nothings of you nor of them, and thereby the suppliant ys to his greate chardge driven to renewe his complaint. Wee cannot therefore but note some negligence in you and contempt in them, and therefore wee require you again according to our former direction not to faile to call the foresaid Macham and Goslyn before you so soone as possiblie you maie, and to cause them to enter good bonde with suerties to repaire hether by the 4th of Marche

* These are not original signatures.

next, and in the meane season to take soche deposicions as eache partie shalbe able to produce, and the same with all other proceedinges there had before you concernynge thes same causes to send unto us, certyfyinge us what the cause hath bene that they have not as yet made there repaires hether accordinge to our said direction. And hereof requiringe you not to faile, wee bid, &c.

A letter to the Governour, Baillyfe and Jurates of Jarsey. Whereas an humble petition hath bene exhibited unto us by Clere le Feubure and Pol le Feubure, inhabitaunts of that Isle, complaynyng that allthoughe they and their partners were in lawfull possession of a yeerly rent of 18 coambe out of the lands of one Benet Hubert as right heires to William le Feubure, yet uppon a suddaine suite beinge commenced against them by one Giles Horman and Nicholas Beawgie when thes suppliants were unprovided of their proofes, sentence (as they alledge) passed against them with a provyso therein that yf they should shewe afterwards their charters and evidences, which before they had not, the cause should be re-examined, sithence which tyme (as they informe us) soch letters, proofes and evidences as are to cleere the right of their cause are come unto their hands. Because the tyme of appeale ys expired, these shalbe therefore to require you to take present order that the cause of the poore supplyaunts maie be re-examyned with the proofes on both sides, and thereuppon to take soche order as in right and equity apperteineth. So, &c.

Another
Jersey case.

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Lord Treasurer.	Lord North.
* { Lord Steward.	Lord Buckhurst.
* { Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Montjoy, Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Vere, knightes. We have received your letter of the 6th of this monneth

Instructions
to the officers
in the West.

* These two titles are written in the same line in the MS. The Lords' Journals for the Parliamentary Session of 1597 describe the Earl of Nottingham as "Magnus Senescallus."

Instructions
to the officers
in the West.

whereby we perceive our last letters written unto you before this were not then come to your handes, by which ere this tyme we doubt not but you are satisfied in some of those pointes contayned in theis your letters, to which we now make answer. First concerning the 500 men put by you, Sir Walter Raleigh, into the forte of Pendennis, we do very well allowe of the reasons that moved you then to place them there, and before this tyme we knowe you have directions to dischardge them and to place some of the Lowe Contrey souldiers in their roomes, and therefore we do pray your Lordships to certefy us what the chardg may amount unto for the tyme they were there. Wee like well the course your Lordships take to dischardge all maryners that are fallen into sicknes and infyrmyty for the ease of her Majesty's chardge, wherein you shall do well also (as yt seemeth you have a meaning) to certefy the numbers discharged and the tyme of their dischardg, and what other numbers have bene of late ymprested. Concerning the ships that transported the souldiers out of the Lowe Contries, wee thincke yt fyt they should no longer be detayned.

Nowe for that point of your Lordships' letter wherein you do report to us the state of your vyctualles, which as you say are renewed for xvj^{en} daies, and those ere this expired, we must put you in minde that our direction was for provision for xxj daies' vyctuell and that for the whole fleete as yt went out, whereof sithence divers of the ships are come from thence, and therefore we doubt not but the proporcion that was provided for the whole flete for xxj daies wilbe stretched to a longer tyme to serve for those that are now appointed to come about to Chattam, as by our last letters you were appointed, by which for your better supply and aid we also directed your two Lordships to receive suche money of Sir Francis Godolphine as you should thincke convenyent for defraying of those chardges out of that money he hathe or is to receive to be sent up hether to the Treasurer of the Chamber. And we gave

like direction at that tyme that Mr. Carey of Cockington should helpe you with parte of the 3,000 he received here for those services, as also to helpe you to some money of those sommes collected for the Loane, so as we make no doubt but by this meanes you shalbe sufficiently provided both of vyctuals and all other necessary provisions to bring the ships about according to the late direction we sent unto you in our last letters before theis, to which we do refer you, and only add this, that your demaundes are make in generall manner in that sorte as we cannott gesse (*sic*) what sommes will serve for those purposes, therefore in your next you shall do well to sett downe the particulers by estimacion, and in the meane season to use theis helpes.

Postscript. There is order given that those men which came out of the Lowe Contries shalbe paid suche intertaynement as they have received.

A letter to the Lords Justices and rest of the Councell in Ireland. Wee are informed by the Vice-President and Councell of the Province of Mounster that where her Majestie hath a Councell established there to heare the causes of the subjects of that Province, certaine sollycitors and other persons towards the lawe at Dublin, to make a private gaine to them selves, doe procure proces out of her Majesty's Courts there, whereby those of that Province are driven to their greate chardge to repaire to Dublin from remote places, and also when causes have bene hearde and determyned by the Councell of that Province the parties against whome the cause ys ordered doe ordynarily procure a wrytt of *Certiorare* out of the Chauncery at Dublin, thereby to drawe the adverse parties to begyn againe a newe suite, to their greate costs and hinderaunce. These causes growinge so common doe give greate occacion of trouble to the subjects of that Province and dothe bringe in question and contempt the doinges and aucthorytie of the President and Councell there. Albeit therefore wee have no meanyng to stopp the ordynary proceedinges of lawe

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Abuse of legal
process in
Ireland.

that ought to be open and indyfferent to every subject, nevertheles in regard that her Majestie hath a Councell in that Province whoe have aucthorytie and commysyon to heare causes for the ease of the subject, wee could wyshe there were a moderacion held in thes courses that they were not so comon as they are, and onlie in matters of weight and moment, which wee leave to your dyscrecion so to order as yt maie be no hinderaunce to the admynis- tracion of publicke justice, and the subject maie receave ease and avoyding of thes great expences and unnecessary travaile. So, &c.

9 November, 1597. Signed by the
 Lord Treasurer. Lord North.
 Lord Admyrall. Mr. Comptroller.
 Mr. Secretary.

A waif from
the Armada.

A letter to the Deputie Lieutenantes in the counties of Merioneth and Cardigan. Albeit wee doubt not but ere this by the good indeavour you have used the Spanish shipp that was driven on that coaste be taken, because yt would be a greate scorne to all the countrie yf the said shipp should happen to escape, if allready she be not taken, wee have thought good hereby to require and aucthorize you to use the helpe of anie shippinge and marryners in anie of the portes thereabouts or any other necessarie meanes for the takinge of the said shipp, whereof beinge possessed wee require you to cause all the baser sorte of people in the same to be comytted to the comon goales, and to select three or fower of the better sorte to see them safely sent up hether (without takinge any examynacion of them) under the conduct of some gentlemen of the countrie that may have care and chardge to see them safely conducted hether, and yf there be any letters, papers or any printed placards in the shipp or about any of the persons of the men, you shall cause the same to be sealed up and sent also hether unto us. Herein

wee are to require you to spare no labor, industrie or meanes to recover the foresaid shipp, in regard of the great dishonor yt would be to her Majesty and reproche to you all yf she should happen to escape from you. So, &c.

9^o *Novembris.*

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A letter to captaine Dockwrey. Wee perceave by your letters how carefull you have bene to performe your duty and indeavour to trayne and put those men in order and readynes within the cytty of Brystoll and the county adjoynyng, according to soche directions as you receaved from our very good Lord the Erle of Essex, and by those your letters wee do note also a greate want of care in the officers and townsmen of that cytty, bothe in that they, as yt should seeme, are altogether unarmed and unwilling to be at the chardge to be furnyshed as they ought to be. Therefore as wee doe allow of your labours and carefullnes and doe yeald you thancks for the same, so wee have just cause to blame them greatlie for their securytie and carelessness for their owne defence. In the meane season wee see no cause that dothe require your further staie in those partes, and therefore you may repaire hether as you shall see cause. So, &c.

The
inefficiency
of the Bristol
trained bands.

9^o *Novembris.*

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll. Whereas our very good Lord the Earle of Essex at his arryvall at Plymouthe upon the allarme of the Spanishe flete that was discovered on the Western coast did send capitaine Dockwrey unto that towne to see those trayned bandes which you, as all other townes of the realm, ought to have in readynes, and to trayne them to serve for defence of the place or otherwyse to be ymployed in those partes as occasion might serve, wee do understand by him that those men you presented unto him after manie delaies were altogether unarmed, and that he found very small care or feeling in you in theis occasions, trusting as yt

should seeme to the scituacion of your towne, being a great indraught within the land. We must lett you knowe therfore that this your slender regard deserveth muche to be blamed, especially in theis tymes of daunger, and now do mervell greatly you have bene so negligent all this while to have no trayned nombers in that citty, seing all other townes of the realme have a certayne nomber furnyshed to be alwaies in a readynes.. And therfore we do not only advise you in theis occasions to use hereafter more care and regard, but in any wyse to see that there may be a good number of chosen men well armed and furnyshed of the inhabitants, to which end the Maiour of that towne had (as we do remember) a speciall comyssion at that tyme when our very good Lord the Earle of Pembroke was appointed Lieutenant of the county of Somerset.

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11^o *Novembris*. Signed by the

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer.The late
Lord Deputy's
property.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publique officers, &c.

Whereas upon the decease of our very good Lord the Lord Burghe, the late Lord Deputy of Ireland, wee dyrected our letters to the Counsell of that realme and to certaine other persons to take order for the gatheringe together of the goods and chattells that were the late said Lord Deputie's, that the same might be answerable for soche debts as he may be founde to be indebted to her Majestie upon the accompts of Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Threasorer at the Warres. Forasmuche as the said goods ar to be sent safely over hether and brought to London, theis shalbe to will and require you and every of you to whome yt maie appertaine to fore beare to arrest, attache

or extende anie of the foresaid goods of the said Lord Deputie's at the suite of anie persone, but to suffer the same to be brought unto the citty of London without stay or lett untill yt shall appeare what was owinge by him to her Majestie and that her Highnes be sattisfied first of the debt due to her. Hereof see you faile not, as you will answeere to the contrary att your perills.

12th Novembris, 1597.

A letter to the Maiour of Waymouthe. Wee perceive by the late letters we received from you that you have staied by occasion of theis doubtfull tymes the armes of the 50 men that was sent from Guernsey and by our former direction was to be convaied to Lyme, and so to be reserved for the Deputie Lieutennantes of those counties where the men were levied. Therefore you shall do well to advertyse them that yt is in your handes, and in the meane season to see yt safely kept and well looked unto.

A letter of thanks.

Wee perceive likewyse by your said letter the care and dilligence you did use according to such directions as you received from us to sett forthe a barke to the seas to dyscover and gett intelligence what course the Spanyshe fleet might holde, and upon retorne of the said shippe we praie you to use like care that we may be advertysed what they shall learne and understand of the said fleet. Where also you do advertyse us of the arrivall of capitaine Bodley there with an hundreth men and the order you have taken to see them releived untill you might receive further direction from us, we require you to contynue your helpe that they maie be vactualled and succored with those thinges that are necessary for their releif, so as the chardge thereof amount not to above iiij^s. iiij^d. the weeke for every man, and you shall receive order for the payment of suche money as shalbe dysbursed for the diett of the said souldiers and dyrections how the men shalbe dysposed.

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12^o *Novembris*. Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptrollor.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The pay of
the garrison of
Portsmouth.

A letter to Sir Charles Blount and Hampden Pawlett. Whereas wee have allready taken order to see the 200 men that were the companie of our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex and are at this present at Portesmouth to be paid their intertainment untill the xiiijth of this monneth of November, because the said two companies are appointed to remain there under the chardg of Sir Charles Percy and capetaine Sidney, there ys delivered the somme of an hundreth threescore and one pounds vj^s. viij^d. to Mr. Maxey, one of the Customers of Southampton, to paie the same over to the aforesaid capetaines weekly after the rate of twenty pounds iij^s. iiij^d. for eache companie, beinge forty pounds sixe shillings eight pence the weeke, out of which every souldier ys to be paid after the rate of three shillings fower pence the weeke, the capetaine twentie eight shillings the weeke, the leiutennant fowertene shillings, the ensigne seaven shillings weekly. Hereof wee thought good to give you understandinge, to the ende that after theis severall sommes are delivered weekly to the capetaines you may see a distribucion made to the souldiers by the pole after they shall be mustered, whereby they maie be hable to keepe and dyett themselves. So, &c.

Sonday forenone and afternoone. At the Courte at
Whitehall, the 13th of November, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archebishopp.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

The Fleet
Prison.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete requiering him uppon the receipt thereof to sett at liberty Sir John Savill, knight, under his chardge.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of the Chamber, to paie or cause to be paied unto Sir Charles Percy, knight, for his chardges, &c., when of late he should have had the conduction of the 200 souldiers from Portesmouth to Ostende, the somme of xx^{li}. Warrant for payment.

A letter to Mr. Barnes, Collector of the Loane for the county of Middlesex, that whereas there are (as by him their Lordships be informed) certein persons within that countie who do refuse to paie the sommes assessed upon them for the Loane to her Majesty by Privie Seale, he is required to call before him all those persons whose names are specefied in a scedule and to examyne them of the reasons of their refusall, being knowne to be of sufficiency. Wherein yf they shall persyst, then [he] is to take bondes of them to her Majesty's use to answeere their refusall before their Lordships. p. 63.
Refusals to contribute to the Loan.

The like to the Collectors of the counties of Hereford, Worcester and Berks for suche as do refuse within those counties.

A letter to Sir John Higham, knight. Whereas we are informed by you that those Recusantes under your chardge throughe the long tyme of their restraynct in that place are ympaired in their healthe, and humble sute hathe ben made unto us that they might [be] permitted to have some further liberty to take the ayre, as in other tymes hathe ben allowed unto them. Theis shalbe to require you to permytt the said prisoners to have liberty to walke abroad to take the ayre at suche tymes and so far as you shall thincke convenyent, so as yt be in the company of yourself or suche other trustie person as you shall make choyce of to regard their safety, for their better recreacion. The imprisoned Recusants.

A letter to Henrie Clare, John Bassett, Peter Evers, Francis Michell and Guy Clynton. Whereas we wrote our letters unto you for the gathering togeather of all suche goodes and chattles within the realme of Ireland as appertained to the Lord Burgh, late Lord Deputie of that realme, to be put in safety and sent over into England aswell to Lord Burgh's estate.

be disposed of for the satisfaction of her Majesty, to whom his Lordship died far indebted, as that the remayne thereof might be returned to the behoof of the Lady Burgh his wyfe. And sithence sute is made unto us by the said lady that some part of the said goodes maie there be solde for the avoyding of trouble and chardg which will growe by bringing the same over, theis shalbe to require you therfore to permytt suche as are appointed for that purpose by the Lady Burgh to make sale of suche of the said goodes as they maie do there, and to see that the money received for the same maie be transported and sent over hether with the rest of the goodes, whereby her Majesty, according to our former dyrection, maie first be satisfied and the overplus be delivered to the Lady Burgh which are to be sent over hether by Francis Michell and John Waterhouse.

Low Country
soldiers in
England.

A warrant to Mr. Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contries. Whereas order is taken that the somme of 161^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} shalbe delivered to you out of the receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer for one monnethe's imprest of two bandes of footmen, beginning the xiiijth of this monneth and ending the xjth of December following, after the rate of xx^{li.} iij^{s.} iiij^{d.} weekly for eache band consyting of c heads, being parcell of those 1,000 men which were withdrawne this last sommer out of the Lowe Contries and nowe commytted to the chardge of Sir Charles Percy and capitaine John Sidney. We do will and require you to deliver the said somme of clxj^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} to Edward Maxey, one of the Customers of Southampton, to be paid over by him to those two bandes according to suche dyrections as we have given him in that behalf. And theis togeather with his acquyttance shalbe your sufficient warrant and dischardge.

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A captured
Spanish ship
and her crew.

A letter to Sir John Wogan, knight, &c. Wee doe understand by your late letters the takinge of a Spanishe carvell that came into a creeke neere Milford Haven, wherein were 75 persons, whoe beinge commytted by you to the

goale you require direction from us howe they may be mayntained there. For answer whereunto wee doe not doubt but yf you have used that care which you ought to doe there were victuells in the barke sufficient to serve them for a good season, which maie be imployed for their releefe, and that beinge spent you maie cause them to have allowance after the rate of 4^d. the daie at the chardge of the countrie, for the defrayinge whereof wee will give direction the bark wherein they came shalbe sold by some officer of th'Admyralty. In the meane season wee require you to cause better examinacion to be taken of them to learne of them which of them is the captaine of the shipp or whoe are the principall persons in the same or of any accompt, whose rawnsome maie hereafter beare the chardges of themselves and others, and to take speciall order for their safe kepinge. So, &c.

A letter to Sir Thomas Norreyes, knight, President of Mounster. Whereas wee have bene enformed that by the practize of certaine attorneyes, sollycitors and other persons about the Courtes of Justice in Dublin divers poore men within the Province of Mounster have bene called by proces thether for matters of very small vallew, and some whose causes have bene heard and ended by you and the Councell there to their great chardge and trouble. Upon this complaint wee have wrytten our letters to the Councell of Dublin prayinge them for the ease of the countrie and subject of that Province, where her Majesty hath a Councell that have aucthoryty and comysson to heare matters in that Province, that a moderacion maie may (*sic*) be held in thes causes, so as poore men may not be called out of remote places of that Province for small matters for vexacion and trouble. So on the other side, for as moche as there are divers of that Councell men of learnynge and knowledge in the lawes, wee doe wyshe that you also would have regard not to deale in matters of controversy and that are fytt to be decyded by course of lawe only of your selfe, without the

Abuse of
legal process
in Ireland.

opynion and assystaunce of those of the Councell that are learned in the lawes, so as there maie be no occacion of complaint for want of justice and due examynacion of the matter to drive the subject to have recourse to other meanes. Hereof not doubtinge but you will have due regard, wee bidd, &c.

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A Recusant's
legal
business.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Whereas Sir Thomas Tresham, knight, did of late amongst some other of the Recusants that were commytted to Ely make humble suit that for the followinge of certaine suites in lawe and other his necessary causes he might have liberty to followe the same only this Terme, which wee did then yeeld unto, and afterwards uppon some occacion wee made staie thereof, these shalbe now to praie your good Lordship to take order that the said Sir Thomas Tresham maie be enlarged uppon bonde to followe this Terme his said suites and necessarie causes, and to retorne him prysoner again to Ely within tenn daies after the ende of this Terme. So, &c.

A charge of
lewd words
in Sussex.

A letter to John Colepepper of Wigsell, Edmond Pellham and Henry Appsley, esquires, Justices of the Peace in the county of Sussex, or to any *— of them. Whereas wee perceave by your letters to me, the Lord Buckhurst, that uppon newe informacion given by one Welshe against William Hollande of Etchingham in the countie of Sussex, clarke, that he should use certaine lewde speeches unto him to wish that wee were all of the old religion, you have commytted him to pryson. For as moche as Holland doth denie the wordes and wee have receaved testimonyall from verie learned preachers and of the parishioners of Holland's honest behavior and carriage, havinge bene heretofore prosecuted by the accuser, wee thincke meete baile be taken of him to answer that or any other matter the said Welshe shall alledge against him at the next Quarter Sessions or at the next Assizes. And herein requiringe you to take order accordingly, wee bid, &c.

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15 November.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Edward Don Lee, esquire, Vice-Admirall of the county of Pembroke, Richard Edwardes, Chauncellour of St. Davies, John Phillips, Albane Stepney, Henry Whyte and Walter Vaughan, esquires. A complaint hathe ben exhibited unto us in the behalf of Hugh Butler, a gentleman of that countey of Pembroke, whereby we are informed that he having had by the space of theis xiiij^{ten} yeares past the chardge as capitaine of a trained bands (*sic*) of souldiers in the aforesaid countie, it was thought fytt by the Deputie Lieutenantes of that shire upon the advertysment given of the discovery of the Spanishe fleet he should assemble togeather all suche forces of trayned souldiers as were under his conduction to repaire with them to the sea coastes for the defence of those places, which he performed accordingly, and perceiving a Spanishe vessell which was forced by weather into a creeke in those partes called Galtop, after he had provided syxe fysherboates to borde the shippe the Spaniardes sett out a flag of truce and offred to send their cockeboate ashore, which John Wogan of Milton, gentleman, (as is informed us) perceiving with a brother of his, named Richard Wogan, and one Catchmey and other their associates to the nomber of xx^{ty}, entred the said shippe before the said Butler, and did not onlie withstand him by force, but wounded him, as is alledged, in three severall places, to the great danger and hazard of his lyfe, and so Wogan and his company ryffed the said shippe of all her goodes, money and other thinges of value in the same. This their behavior (yf yt be true as is informed) might have given scope to th'enemy to escape by this disorderly and rude manner of contencion against him that was sent thither by authority of the Deputie Lieutenantes, and by this

The Spanish
prize in
Milford
Haven.

meanes the vyctualles and goodes wherwith the Spanyardes should be mayntained is purloyned. Therefore wee have thought good to require you by vertue hereof to call the said Wogans and the rest which commytted this disorder before you, and to examyne theis matters complained of, and what goodes, money and other thinges have ben by them taken and conveyed out of the shippe and in whose handes they do remayne, and to cause the same to be safely kept, to be hereafter disposed of as we shall give further direction, and to certefy us the manner of the dysorder committed against the capitaine that by authority of the Deputy Lieutennantes did undertake the service. And hereof praying you to have due care and regard, we, &c.

An assault on
an informer.

A letter to the Justices of Assize of the countie of Saloppe. Uppon informacion given us of a great abuse and vyolence offred to one William Parry by one Richard Evans, Marcroft, Lloyd and others, for that he being commaunded by Sir Edward Kinaston, knight, did attend him in the performance of some service wherein he had our authority and dyrection for the searching of the house of one Richard Lloyd, wherein yt was suspected there was harbored a Seminarie preist, th'examynation of this abuse was committed to certain Justices of the county of Saloppe, who have taken dyvers examynations in that cause and sent the same hether. Forasmuch as wee are informed that this vyolence was offred the poore man for doing his duty in bringing the said Sir Edward to the house of Lloyd in the night season, the way being well knowne unto him, wee have thought good to referr this matter unto you, being Justices of Assize for that county, and to praie you to peruse th'examynations, and therupon to take order that suche punishment may be inflicted on the offenders as you shall finde the quality of their offence to deserve and for the security of the poor man as shalbe convenyent.

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Ship-timber
from Norfolk
and Suffolk.

A warrant to Sir Miles Corbett, Henry Gawdy, Mr. Buxton and Mr. Everett, esquires, Justices of the countie of Norffolk. Whereas her Majesty hathe present cause to use

tymber for the repayring and newe building of one of her great shippes named the Elizabeth Jonas, now in dry-dock at Wolwiche in the countie of Kent, and that Josephe Pett, one of her Majesty's master shipwrightes, and his deputies had order from the officers of the Navie to provide within the countie of Norffolke for the speedy doing thereof suche tymber as was thought convenyent for that service, which he hathe performed accordingly, only wanting lande carriage for the same to suche places unto the waterside as are neerest for the shipping away of the same to be transported to her Highnes' tymber yard at Wolwiche, whereof there is great want and the workes cannott procede for want of tymber. Theis are therefore to require you upon receipt hereof to take suche order for the present carriage thereof as hathe ben usuallie done in like cases, as you tender the furtherance of her Highnes' service, which requireth great hast, and will answere the contrary at your perilles.

The like to Sir Anthony Wingfeild, knight, John Rivett, John Thurston, Mr. Hassett and Mr. Fourd for the county of Suffolke.

17 November.

Lord Threasurer.

Lord North.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Edward Don Lee, Vice-Admirall of the countie of Pembroke. Before the receipt of your letter wee did understande of the disorderly behaviour of John and Richard Wogan, and thereupon wrott a letter to you and others to examine the matter and to take order for the goods in the shipp, which letter you shall receive herewithall. And now understandeinge by you also the lewde behaviour of Morrice Grone and John Loughter, by whose default an other Spanishe shippe that was driven by tempest into the roade of Caldey ys escaped, in which shipp, as you informe us, there was treasure which was

Escape of a
distressed
Spanish ship.

sent to Dunckerk, wee require you by vertue hereof, takeinge unto you some other of the gentlemen inhabitinge thereabouts, to call before you the said Grone and Loughter and to examine them strictly of this their badd and disorderly carryadge, and findinge either by the examinacion taken of them or testimony of others that thoroughe their covetuous disposicion or by their indiscrete and disorderly carriadge the foresaid shipp had meanes and oportunety to escape, then wee thincke meete and so require you to cause good bonde to be taken of them to make their present repaire hither to answeere for their doinges before us. Wherein prayinge you to take order accordingly, wee bid you, &c.

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The
"miserable
state" of
Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice and the Lord Chauncellor, the Earle of Ormond and the rest of the Counsell in Ireland. Wee have received the letters from you, Sir Thomas Norreis, latelie chosen Lord Justice there upon the death of the late Lord Deputy, and of you, the Lord Chauncellor, and others of that Councell there, dated the vth of this monneth, by which your letters you have advertysed us of the myserable estate of that realme, describing the same to be oppressed with the rebellion not only in Ulster, where yt had the begynning, but also in Connagh consequently, and nowe also spread into Leinster, and the Pale not very free, so as therby you do conceive this rebellion to be spread over all the Provynces of that realme excepting Monster, a matter as we see greatly to your greef to certefy, so also we assure you the same is as greivous heere unto us to understand and very discomfortable to be reported to her Majestie as of duty we are bound to do. And so after that wee had diligently, though sorrowfully, perused your whole letters, being written at great lengthe, wee imparted the same unto her Majesty without delay, which wee did yesterday, having received the letters the day before, being the xvth. And upon the partyculer

imparting to her Majestie of all the contentes of your letter and her Majestie debating therupon with us, her pleasure was that we should with speed make answeere to your letters in this sorte following:—

Before the receipt of theis letters and upon the late knowledge had from thence of the election of you, Sir Thomas Norreys, to be the Lord Justice, her Majestie had declared her pleasure and given commysion to you, the Earle of Ormond, to have the principall chardge of all the martiall affaires of that realme before shee knewe who was chosen Justice, but upon knowledge sithence that tyme that you, Sir Thomas Norreys, were chosen Justice, her Majestie did by speciall order revive her further comaundement for you, the Earle of Ormond, to take the chardge of the martiall affayres according to her Majesty's commysion, and that suche as should be chosen Justice should take the government of all civill causes for mynistracion of justice and ordering of the revenue. And sithence this dyrection also given thither her Majesty hath also commaunded that Sir Thomas Norreis shall leave the chardg of the Justiceshippe, and that you, the Councill there, and others having interest in the election of a Justice shall procede to make choice of the Lord Chauncellor and Cheif [Justice] of that realme joyntly to exercyse the said place, fynding yt very necessary that Sir Thomas Norreis should retorne to his chardge as President of the Councill in Monster, from which her Majestie hathe thought yt daungerous to have him absent in respect that the enemye's purpose maie moste likely be to make invasion by sea into that Provynce, where the best havens are and moste proper to enter into the same from Spaine, and now mucche the rather fynding only that Province free from rebellion and therefore the more needfull to be so preserved by the presence of so provident and sufficient a Governor as Sir Thomas Norreis is.

Sir Thomas
Norris to
return to
Munster.

The lack of
victuals.

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And nowe to procede to answeere the contentes of your letter, omytting the repeticion of the descripcion of the myserable estate of that contrey, your desires are to be releived out of this realme for all manner of thinges necessary and requisite for the mayntenance of forces against the rebells. And begynning with the matter of victuells, whereof you complaine to have great lacke and no possibility to be succored in that realme, and therfore you desire to have some good quantityes of corne for bread and beere, of butter and cheese, and of some oates for the horses and of money to provide beefe in that realme, of which provisions you have sent in a scedule an estymate of suche quantities as are supposed may serve for 8,000 men for three monnethes as the same is sett downe by your Vyctualler. Upon which request, although her Majestie is thereby moved to releive you with the said kynde of provisions as speedely as may be, yet her Majestie fyndeth greate lacke, and so wee thincke shee hathe good cause, to see no certificate made from thence of the great quantities of vyctuell sent this sommer thither, namely of wheate, butter and cheese, how the same have bene expended and at what prices the same have ben delivered to the armie and what hathe ben defalked for the same in the paie to the armie, a matter that was as requisyte to be certyfied as to make a newe demaund of vyctuell without declaracion howe the former hathe ben expended. Upon which default found by her Majesty, I, the Lord Treasurer, reported the answeere of you, the Treasurer, contayned in your private letters to me declaring that you could not certefy the defalcacions for vyctuals nor for the cheques of the defycientes of the army untill the end of everie half yeare, with which answeere her Majesty was not satisfied, and mucche the lesse considering nowe your requests come from thence the v^h of November, so as sithence Michaelmas, which you accompt the end of the half yeare, you might have sent your certyficates both for the matter of the vyctuell and cheques of the army.

It seemeth your wantes for money there are suche as ^{The lack of money.} you have been forced to borrowe xiiij^{li.} of men of Dublin and Londoners, which you require for your credytttes to be repaid, and so yt is reason yt should be and so shalbe with speede, and yet you, the Treasurer, might either by your common or private letter have advertysed who the Londoners are of whom you borrowed yt, so as they might be more speedely paid here without any chardg of transporting yt thither, the same being both hazardous in sending and chargeable to her Majestie by the demaund of you, the Treasurer, for portage, which wee finde of late to have bene verie great to her Majestie in respect of the great quantity of treasure that hath ben delivered to the deputies of you, the Treasurer, to be carried into that realme.

And where you write that the clerke to you, the Treasurer, ^{The pay of the army.} hath calculated to what somme the lendinges would aryse unto for this monneth for the army, which you write doth amount in money to 7,718^{li.} xiiij^{s.} iiij *ob. sterling* for this monnethe's lendinges onlie, towards which (as you write) there will aryse some good somme out of the checques which are not as yet certefied to you, the Treasurer, althoughe wee note yt is so written the vth of November and you require us to consider howe shorte the somme which you have borrowed wilbe to satisfie the great somme so sett downe, wee do yelde therunto, and so her Majestie hath resolved to send with all speed some proporcion of money to satisfy theis your demaunds, althoughe yt had ben convenyent, yea necessary, that in setting downe so great a somme so precisely as to the thousand poundes there is added iiij^{d.} *ob. sterling* you would have by writing sent in some scedule howe this great somme should be required for one monnethe's lendinges, considering her Majesty hath disbursed already presently in ready money the somme of xxij^m clv^{li.} for apparrell only to serve the army for this wynter to make up their full pay, which is already on the waie thither and we trust shall safely arrive there, so

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as yt were requisite to have the same added to the accompt for dischardge of her Majestie her army. But howe you there and namely you, the Threasurer, will see to the good husbandrie in the delivery of this apparrell, both for the dischardge of her Majesty and for the releif of the souldier, we shall (we trust) see some better reckoninges then hitherto hathe ben of the former expences, wherewith her Majesty resteth very ill satisfied, especially re-accompting to us that she sent xxij^mc^{li}. of purpose to have paid the armie by lendinges for xiiij^{en} weeks, and yet by the certificate of you, the Treasurer, of that xxij^mc^{li}. there hathe ben but xiiij^mlv^{li} viij^s iij^d. sent into Connagh and Ulster and 4,780^{li} paid at Dublin and yssued for the lendinges, and yet, as yt seemeth, the lendinges have ben made but for two monnethes, which is September and October, and the same not fully satisfied, but good round sommes remayning to particuler bandes due for their full lendinges, and besides that you, the Treasurer, having devided this 13,055^{li}. into three severall heades, that is for the pay in Connagh and for the like paie about the Newry and the third for Carickfergus, you ad in the margent of your certificate that theis three paymentes are not yet certefied particulerly howe the same are yssued, but you promyse to certefy the same with speed.

Confusion in
the accounts.

You do also certefy the yssuing out of 4,783^{li}. at Dublin for lendinges to horsemen and footemen and for warders, kerne and mynisters of the ordonance and pencioners, which money you write hathe ben delivered to one Phillip Hore, appointed the Paymaster at Dublin. In perusall of which paymentes wee finde great variety, some be paie'd there whole, some there half and some defalked for vyctualles, and of some no defalcation seen for vyctualles and of some defalcations for cheques, and of some none at all. Uppon which variety we desire to be better resolved at other tymes in your certificates and not to be left so doubtfull as theis are. The rest of the

xxij^mc^{li}, which should have sufficed to have paid the lendinges for xiiij^{en} weekes, seemeth to have ben otherwyse expended, as you say, in extraordinary matters, as in imprestes, whereof we note an imprest to the late Lord Deputie for his entertaynment to the end of December, and for you, the Threasurer, to the end of October, and sondry other sommes extraordinarily for rewardes and all by warrant of the late Lord Deputy, which you, the Threasurer, say you could not refuse to performe, thoughe you were specially directed from hence to have expended the same for the lendinges.

Furthermore you do require to have a supply of 2,000 men to be sent thither by Christmas, which is very neere at hande, and yet there shalbe that expedicion used that maie be to performe the same, and towards yt there is presently order given to send thither by sea from St. Vallerie's in Picardy 900 souldiers with good capitaines that have ben disciplined in France all this last yeare, so as wee take them valuable to half as many more that should be newly levied here in England, and yt is ordered that they shall arryve at Waterford because we cannott procure convenient shipping for them to carry them to Dublin. And therfore we wishe that you woulde give knowledge aforehand at Waterford that they maie be there lodged and vyctualled and dyrected to come from thence to Dublin, either by land or by water as you shall thincke fytt.

Two thousand
more men
wanted.

You do also declare that the bandes are gennerally stuffed with Irishe so as three partes of fower are of that contrey birthe, wherewith her Majesty being greatly myscontented yt was answered that the late Lord Deputy did permitt the capitaines at his going to the Blackwater to fill up their bandes though yt were with Irishe, intending at his retorne from thence to have cassed a great nomber of them, and so yt seemeth you meane somewhat to ease her Majesty's chardges upon the weaknes of the companies to dischardge some wholie, and with the men discharged to fill upp other bandes, or else to reduce some of the defective bandes

Too many
Irishmen in
the army.

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to 60 or 50, which we do very well allowe, and yet yt seemeth questyonable to us what shalbe done with the Irishe, who being discharged, yf they have ben bred in Ulster or Connagh, wee thincke they will repaire to the rebelles of those two Provinces, and thereby not onlie strengthen the rebelles with their persons but instruct and informe them with their owne knowledge that they have gotten, being intertayned with her Majesty's true subjectes. And this doubt wee assure you hathe ben moved by her Majesty's owne speeche to us, which we rest doubtfull howe to resolve but thincke good to recommend it to your considerations.

* 18^d. *per diem* allowed to the horsmen untill the wantes in the realme may be recovered.

You do alledge also great defectes in the horsemen for that they be not hable for the wages which they have, being xij^d. *sterling* by the daie, to furnyshe themselves hable to serve, but you require that they might have allowance of xvij^d by the daie, which yf yt be allowed, you, Sir Thomas Norreis, doe alledge that there maie thereby so manie of the nomber insufficient be discharged, wherby her Majesty's charges shall not be increased yet the service better supplied with sufficient men, wherewith her Majesty is contented so to increase the same from henceforwardes untill the wantes in the realme maie be otherwyse recovered.

False musters and dishonest officials.

Lastlie, you make mencion of a disorder and corrupcion in some of the Commyssaries appointed for the Musters, having apparantlie detected one and committed him to prison, thoughe you have forborne to name him, meaning to procede to enquire of the like offences of others, which wee doubt not but you shall easely finde, suche is the gennerall corrupcion at this day of men put in trust. And as touching the defalcacion for munycion, wee thincke yt reasonable that the same be not defalked of the souldiers' lendinges in his ready money, but as you do write to be deducted out of the reckoning of their apparrell, wherein

* Original marginal note.

you, the Threasurer, might have don well to have expressed your opinion by your former experience to what somme suche kynde of deductions for munycion might amount unto in every band, wherein wee thincke none are chargeable for munytion but suche as use shott and powder.

Thus wee have at good length, according to the length of your letters, advertysed you what hath passed from her Majesty in conference with us uppon your letters, whereunto wee must add that her Majesty chargeth you seriouslie to consider that her ordonances sent thither when you shall have money and apparrell may for the lendinges be duly observed, and that for reformation of the disorders and deceiptes in the musters the paies maie be made weekly by the pole, and that the Commyssaries of the Musters maie be sworne to deale truly in their certificates, and that they maie be removeable from one Province to another at the end of every three or sixe monnethes, forseeing that none contynue upon defaultes found in them, but rather to be removed and punished, and that the clerke of every band may be also sworne to their rolls as servantes to her Majesty, which precyse dyrections we assure you do procede from her Majesty's owne mouthe expresly commaunding us so to advertyse you.

Improvement
hoped for in
future.

Nowe having ended all that wee have had in charge for answering of your letters wee must turne our speeche to you, our verie good Lord the Earle of Ormond, in whom her Majesty, as you see, at this tyme putteth her speciall trust for the menaging and ordering of all martiall affaires that maie tend either to the defence of the realme against the rebells or to the offence and suppressing of them, wysHING your Lordship all good succes therein and assuring you that althoughe at the present entrey herein to this chardge you maie be discouraged for lacke of men and money, yet we assure you there shall no delay be used for the supplie thereof as the tyme will suffer us, and especially as the dyfficulties will prove greate to make the provision of so great quantityes of vycuall as is

Lord Ormond
advised not to
attempt too
much this
winter.

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required, and in the meane season order is given to the Threasurer's deputies here to receive and carry thither a good porcion of money, which we require your Lordship (concurring with them that shalbe appointed Justices and others of the Councell) to see expended for the necessary service whereunto her Majestie shall dyrecte yt. And for the manner of your proceedinges in the charge committed to your Lordship wee cannott prescribe you anie certaine manner howe to procéde, but leave the same to the good consultacion of your Lordship with the Counsell there, whereof we shalbe glad to receive advertysment from you by your next, though we are bold thus farre to imparte our opinion that we thincke you will this wynter tyme, and untill your nombers may be made stronger and purged of their defections, take care for the defence of the Pale and to the preservation of the forte of the Blackwater, and also to see the towne and fortes at Knockfergus be preserved either from invasion or treasons by the neighbors there, both Irishe and Scottyshe, where wee are very sorry by a sight of a private man's letter to understand the losse of Sir John Chichester, though we cannott perceive that he was lost by anie assailing of the rebelles but by his owne hazarding, of the truth whereof we desire to be more advertysed.

If any ambiguity shall aryse betwene you, the Lords Justices, and you, the Earle of Ormond, touching the severall authorities of your places, wee require you speedely to advertyse us of any suche questions, whereby wee may certefy our opinions touching the same.

The export of
Yarmouth
herrings.

A letter to the Bailyfes of Yarmouth and other officers of the porte. Whereas upon a request made unto us by the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the cytty of London that by reason the herring fishinge fell out this yere lesse plentifull then in other yeres they besought us to staie the transportacion of all manner of herringes untill wee might be advertized from you of the store this fishinge did yeeld, and sithence havinge receaved a certificate from

you that the quantity allready taken was to the number of 1,388 lasts, and sithence the certificate 100 lasts was come in and more dailie ys taken and brought on land, wee acquainted the Maior with your certificate and the petitions bothe of the merchaunts that trade to Levant and into Fraunce with redd herringes, and thereuppon the Lord Maior with conference with them and the Wardens of the Fishemongers hath certified us that there maie well p. 73. be spared the quantytie of 388, whereof 250 lasts maie be allowed to the Levant merchauntes and the remaynder to be dysposed to the Frenche merchauntes trading to Rochell. These shalbe therefore to require you to permytt Robert Cobb and Elys Kynerston to transporte 50 lasts of herringes to Rochell, and Humfrey Basse and Otwell Smithe 88 lasts to Roane, beinge Frenche merchauntes.

The lyke letter was also wrytten to the Bailyfes of Yarmoth to permytt the merchaunts tradinge to Levant to transporte 250 lasts of herringes.

A letter to Sir Walter Rawleighe and Sir Ferdynando Gorges, knights. By your letter of the xiiijth of this present and also by the letters of Sir Nicholas Parker and of capitaine Berry we perceive howe scant the imprest of ij^s. vj^d. the weeke wilbe to entertayne the souldiers that were ymploied in the late sea service and are appointed to remayne there to finde him his dyett, and therefore wee have thought meete they shall from henceforthe have the allowance of iij^s. iiij^d. the weeke as is ymprested to the souldiers serving in France, and order is already given to the Paymaster to see them paid accordingly, which wee praie you to lett the capitaines understand. In the meane season, because we do fynde by your letters that Sir Francis Godolphine will take order to see those souldiers at Falmouthe to be paid and Mr. Carey of Cockington for those at Dartmouthe, but by reason that Sir Francis hathe made up by exchange the money he received for the Loane he cannott provide so convenyently for the three companies at Plymouthe, wee praie you by

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the soldiers
in the West.

vertue hereof to require Mr. Carey of Cockington to see you furnyshed of the Loane money that already he hath received or is to come to his hands or by anie other meanes by exchange, and order shalbe taken here to see it forthwith repaid. Wee have seen a note of divers kyndes of provisions demaunded by you, of which wee require you to see what sortes of them maie be had there, because you certefy some kyndes to be fyttter of that contrey provision then those that are made in theis partes, and at what rates, and there shalbe order taken to see you furnished with money to provide the same and of the rest that shall not so convenyently be recovered in the contrey there. For the other point of your letter wherein you, Sir Walter Raleigh, do signify that our former letters being directed to our verie good Lordes the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Montjoy with you or any two of you, and their Lordships being departed from thence you are left alone, wee praie you in their absence to see our former direction performed as thoughe they had bene specially directed to yourself.

Refusal to
contribute to
the Loan.

A letter to Sir George St. Pole, collector of the Loane for the county of Lyncolne, requiring him to call before him certaine persons named in their Lordships' letters that refuse to paie the sommes required of them for the Loane by her Majesty's Privy Seale and to examyne them of the reasons of theire refusall, wherein yf they shall persyste, then to take bondes of them to appeare before their Lordships.

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Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, 20th of November, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archebishopp.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretarie.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chauncellour of
th'Exchequer.

The defence
of Falmouth.

A letter to Sir Walter Raleigh, knight. Whereas wee are enformed that some apt place might be chosen at

Fawlmouthe besides the Castles whereuppon some forte might be rayseed to comaunde all shippes that should ryde in the haven, and yt was thought meete at your repaire thether you should uppon viewe of the scituacion of the porte consider what place might be fyttlie chosen for that purpose, and wee latelie understoode your journey ys staid for this present by reason of your indysposicion and want of health, whereof wee are very sorry to heare and wish you spedy recovery. For as moch as there would some dilligence be used in these matters to prevent the suddaine attemptes of th'ennemy, wee have sent downe this bearer, Pawle Ivey, thether, beinge skillfull in those worcks and matters of fortificacion, and require you, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, with Sir Nicholas Parker there present, to confer with the said Pawle Ivey, and upon dilligent view and consideracion of the scituacion of the haven and grownde about yt you maie advyse what place maie be chosen where some convenient bullwark may be rayseed and fortified, so as ordynaunce maie be planted there to lett and hinder the rydinge of anie shippes in that harboroughe, whereof there maie a plott be drawne and sent hether unto us by the said Sir Nicholas Parker with your opynions and advyses. And to the intent you maie see what reasons have induced us to thincke that some place maie be fownde to commaunde the harboroughe when any shippes should ancker there, wee doe send you a plott which wee doe wishe you to compare with the scituacion, and thereuppon to enforme your selves and to certifie us of all particulers. And further, for as moch as wee doe heare that Hellford ys a place where an ennemy's fleete maie ryde in safetie, wee could wyshe yt were considered whether by anie devyse or industry that porte of Hellford might be incapable, and thereby the ennemy to have lesse commodytie and her Majestie fewer places to defend. So, &c.

A letter to Sir Samuell Bagnall, knight. Whereas you were after the landinge of the fleete sent by our very good Lord the Erle of Essex into those partes uppon

Thanks and
dismissal.

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the advertizment his Lordship receaved of the dyscovery of the Spanysh navy, where you have attended those occacions of service ever sithence and performed the indevor of a good leader in puttinge in a readynes the forces of those partes. For as moche as for this tyme there ys no further use of your service there wee doe yeeld you our thanckes for the paynes and travell you have taken, and doe let you knowe you maie repaire hether at your pleasure or otherwyse dyspose of your selfe as you shall thincke good. So, &c.

The pay of
the soldiers
in the West,

A letter to Mr. George Carey of Cockington. Whereas wee [are] enformed that there hath bene a certaine quantity of hydes solde by you and Mr. Carmarthen out of one of the prizes that were taken in this late Voyage, because other sommes of money which wee did make accompt should have bene used to have paied the souldiers that are in those partes have bene otherwyse imploied, these shalbe to require you to deale with those that have bought, those hides of you to make ready the money they are to paie for the same to be paied unto you or soche others as wee shall direct to receave the same, wherewith the companies that are placed at Plymouth and Dartmouth maie be paied their intertainment and lending after three shillings iiij^d. the weeke. So, &c.

The export of
Yarmouth
herrings.

A letter to the Bailifes and other officers of the porte of Yarmouth. Whereas upon certificate from the Lord Maiour of London and from you that a greater quantity of herringes were taken then was looked for this fyshing we directed our letters unto you to permytt certaine Levant merchantes that exhibited peticion unto us to transport in fower shippes the quantity of 250 lastes for Italy, and also to suffer Robert Cobb and Ellis Kinaston to transporte to Rochell the quantity of 50 lasts and Humfrey Basse and Ottywell Smithe to transport to Roane 88 lastes, being in all 388 lasts. Forasmuch as you do certefy unto us that a greater quantity maie be spared, and theis three peticions have bene sithence delivered unto

us by Thomas Barnes, Dominico Bernardo and his consortes and William Kellett that have made provision of fyfty lastes a peece for eache of them and their parteners in three other shippes, theis shalbe likewyse to require you to permytt them to transporte the quantity aforesaid of one hundreth and fyfty lastes according to their requestes, which wee send you herewithall, they and the rest bringing certyfyate that they have entred bondes for the retorne of their shippes by suche a day as I, the Lord Admyrall, shall appoint. So fare you well.

A letter to the Alderman and Recorder of the citty of Lyncolne. Whereas we have sene a counterfaict pasporte that was taken from a lewd woman calling herself by the name of Tompson, whereunto moste of our hands are counterfaict and the Counsell Seale. Because theis abuses growe so common and divers people that do not so well knowe our handes are thereby deceived, theis shalbe to require you to cause her to be strictly examined of whom she received the said pasporte and who was the counterfaictor thereof, and to certefy us of the same, and in the meane season to see that exemplar punishment inflicted upon her at the next Quarter Sessions for that county that you shall thincke fytt.

A forged
passport.

A letter to William Stallendge, gentleman. Wee have seene your letters written to me, her Majesty's Principall Secretary, wherein you signyfie the order you would take for keeping the mastes dry, which in no wyse can be done for that I, the Lord Admirall, knowe by experience yf they be kept dry but one yeare they wilbe spoiled and unserviceable, and therefore wee thincke that the said mastes maie moste conveniently be towed at the sterne of some vessell and brought up higher into Catwater and so layed in the river neere to that place that is by the house of Christofer Harris. For the Spaniardes that are taken there is dyrection already given to see them committed to the common gaole with some small allowance untill other order be taken. In the meane season all meanes would be used by examynacion

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Mast-timber
not to be
allowed to
get dry.

and otherwyse to learne of suche of them as are principall persons, who would be more carefully looked unto and their names and qualites certefied hether unto us. And because we understand that there are divers Englishe preistes and some Jesuites in the armie we would have you to use all the best meanes you can advyse to discover yf any of them be disguised emongst those Spaniardes. Lastly, where you require the chardge of the unlading of the hulke called the Bull maie be borne with the sale of some of the goodes taken out of the same, wee thinke yt fitt that with the advyse of Mr. Carey of Cockington, Christofer Harris and the rest of the Commyssioners suche of the goodes as were in the said prize and are least fytt to be kept may be sold, and the money ymployed to defray those chardges.

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Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberleyn.

Mr. Chancellor of the
Exchequer.

Gentlemen to
return to their
houses on the
South coast.

A letter to the Lord Cobham. Whereas her Majesty's pleasure hath bene notefied expresly aswell by publicke proclamation as by the directions that have bene given from us by her speciall commaundment that no persons of hability inhabiting any of the marytime countyes neere to the seaside should withdrawe themselves from their habitacions and dwelling, but to be there ready both for the defence and service of the contrey and to keepe hospitality emongst their neighbors in their tymes of trouble and dearthe. And notwithstanding those straight inhibicions (as wee are informed) their persons whose names are hereunder written have left their ordinary dwellinges and habitation in Hythe and removed themselves far within the county, and having bene moved to

retorne to their auntyent abroad do still withdrawe themselves, theis shalbe to praie your Lordship by vertue hereof to send for them and to commaund them without delay to repaire to the places of their former abroad and habitation as they ought to do, or for default therein to cause good bondes to be taken of them to make their apparance before us.

Alexander Shepard.

William Bedingfeild.

William Gibbon.

John Knatchbull.

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Signed by the foresaide Lords.

A letter to Sir Robert Jermyn and Sir Nicholas Bacon, knights. Wee did of late lett you understand of a complaint exhibited unto us in the behalf of those marryners that did serve in the two shippes which were sett forthe by the towne of Ipswich in the Voyage of Cales the last yere for that they were unpaied their wages and intertainment, wherein wee wrott also to the Balyfes of Ipswich requiringe them to see present satisfaction made to those poore men, and by their letters unto us yt should seeme they have receaved (as yet) a very small porcion of that which by your agreement and offer to us they were to have of the contrybucion of the countrie, whereof wee doe mervaile not a lyttle, consideringe howe favorablie wee dealt with you bothe to remytt those matters wherewith you were chardged and parte of the former somme which was demaunded of you. And therefore beinge urged and greatly moved with the complaint of the poore marryners that cannot be paied without that collection the towne ys to have of you, wee doe therefore againe will and require you without further delaie or excuse that the somme agreed uppon by you maie be paied to the Bailyfes of Ipswich, whereby thes poore men maie be satisfied and wee troubled no more with thes complaints. So, &c.

The Cadiz
seamen still
unpaid in
Suffolk.

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Lord Keeper. Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Treasurer. Lord North.

Lord Buckhurst.

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Yarmouth
herrings.

A letter to Nicholas Smithe, Customer of Yermouthe. Whereas wee are informed by you, the Customer of that porte, that those of Zealand and Hollond do ordinarily transporte a good quantity of redd herringes from thence, for the which her Majesty hath custome where their ys none at all paid of the English marchants, and therefore you thincke one hundreth lasts over and besides the quantety for which you have order allredy maie conveniently be spared for the straingers to transporte, theis shalbe to require you to permitt the said straingers to transporte one hundreth last[s], payinge soche custome to her Majestie as they are accustomed to do. And so, &c.

Buccleugh a
prisoner
or hostage.

A letter to Mr. John Carey, Governour of Barwicke. Whereas Sir William Bowes, knight, hath order and direction from her Majesty to see the Lard of Bucklugh safely conveyed from Barwick unto Carleisle, to be delivered over into Scotland upon the performance of suche articles as were agreed upon by the Commyssioners. For the better and more safe convaighing of him thither wee are to require you, upon conference with the said Sir William Bowes, to see him assisted with so many of the garrison of horse and foote there as shalbe thought by you and him convenyent for the safe conduct of the said prisoner.

An open letter to the Lords Wardens of the Easte, West and Middle Marches to give assystaunce unto the said Sir Willyam Bowes of soche forces of horsse and foote for the safe conveyinge of the Larde of Bucklugh from Barwick to Carlysle as he should have occacion to require at their hands.

The
difficulties on
the Borders.

A letter to Sir William Bowes, knight. Wee have seene by divers letters of yours howe many notable ympedymentes do aryse whereby the reciproq (*sic*) delivery of pledges is

delayed, whereof the contry fyndes the smarte, as yt appeareth by the contynuall complayntes of her Majesty's subjectes, and therefore to the intent the Commyssion may receive some good succes in speedy determynacion wee fynde her Majesty thus resolved in the matters concerning the Borders. First, although her Majesty cannott be perswaded but that on the Scottishe syde the fray was begon, yet because the tyme doth spend and is lyke to do fryvolously in examyning that, wee thincke yt fytt to lett you knowe that her Majesty lyketh well that you do fall to some appointment to delyver pledges, yf not those which were fyrst delyvered yet other in their places. For which purpose her Majestie hath commaunded the Lord Evers to make his repaire downe accordingly, and for the pledges on the West Marches the Lord Scroope is lykewyse commaunded that they may be ready when you shall demaund them, and so doth he affirme that he hathe them. And for the other poynt concerning Bucklughe's re-delivery her Majesty's pleasure is that you do lett the King understand that seing he was nowe delivered only for default of the pledges her Majestie will detayne him no longer yf that be once performed, never meaning in any thing to vyolate any promyse or trust, but to observe all condycions of faithe and honour. For which purpose her Majesty would have you by writing to the Wardens or their deputies fully resolve and appoint a day when the Laird Bucklugh shalbe carried to Carlisle or else where you shall [appoint], and there you to be present at the delivery of Bucklugh according to agreement, wherein her Majesty in any wyse will have you an actor because there may [be] no mystaking or dysorder. And to the intent you may carry him in safety her Majesty's pleasure is that you shall require both out of Barwicke or elsewhere any suche convoy of horse or foote as you shall fynde reasonable for the safe bringing him to suche place as shalbe appointed by you, and to that end wee have

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herewith sent you a placarte to give you authority to call for the assistance of all persons whatsoever that are to be used in this service, as especially we have written to Mr. John Carey concerning the same.

And where yt is not unknowne to the King howe great a scandall or dishonor remayneth still unrepayred by the foule and rude attempt of Bucklugh in his taking Kinmouth out of the Castle of Carlisle, her Majesty's pleasure is that in the consenting to deliver Bucklughe's person you make this protestacion that this his last entrey or delivery shall not in any sort be interpreted as an acquittall or satisfaction for that matter of Carlisle, wherein her Majestie doth expect upon the conclusyon of theis thinges determynable by Commyssion to receive plenary and ample satisfaction, without the which her Majesty doth take herself in the ey of the world notoriously injured and neglected. And forasmuch as theis thinges will require tyme for preparation, certayne dayes being to be appointed for theis meetinges in all places, wee thought meet with speed to advertyse you, and yf yt shall fall out necessary for you to send to the King, you may do well to use the service of Nicholson, heretofore Agent under Mr. Bowes, who is both well experienced and very agreable to the King and his Counsell.

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Signed 23^o *Novembris*, 1597, by the

Lord Archbishop.	Lord North.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer.

Pipestaves
urgently
required from
Ireland.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp, knight, Treasurer at Warres in Ireland. Whereas there are certaine hoyes sent from hence at this presente for the transportacion of 900 souldiers to Waterforde in Ireland and are ready to depart from hence to St. Vallerie's, where they take in the souldiers

and so to holde on theire course thether. Because those vessells are victuelled at her Majesty's chardge and are to returne againe hether emptie, in so moche as her Majestie hath at this tyme very great occacion to use some good quantity of pipe and hoggshead staves for caske, wee are to require you to make provicion of the quantity of 50 thowsand pipe staves and 50 thowsand hoggshead staves, that they maie be brought downe either to Waterforde, or yf you cannot convenientlie bringe them thether, then to the porte of Wexford, that they maie be ready there at the repaire thether of the shippes, to be taken into the said vessells to be brought hether for her Majesty's use and service. And where uppon lyke motion unto you, Sir Henry Wallopp, for the servinge of her Majesty with those provicions you did offer to furnishe the pipe staves at six pounds the thowsand and hoggshead staves for fyfty shillinges the thowsand, and to delyver the same at Tunys Court uppon a portable river within xij miles of Wexford, wee are contented to yeald unto your owne demaunds for the pryce so as you will see them brought to Waterford, or yf you cannot so convenientlie doe that, to Wexford, that they maie be there taken into the hoyes without further chardge to her Majestie. Wee praie you therefore not to faile to use all expedition to see them brought to either of the foresaid places at soche tyme as the hoyes maie arryve there, that they maie not be occasioned to make any longe staye for the takinge in of theire ladynge. And thoughe yt wilbe a very small increase of chardge to you to cause them to be brought downe the river to Wexforde, yet yf you thincke you shall not be hable thereby to afforde them at the former rates wee wilbe contented to yeald to soche further allowaunce as shalbe reasonable, importinge so moche the present necessaryty of her Majesty's service not to be dysappointed of these provicions. So, &c.

Pipestaves
urgently
required from
Ireland.

Postscript. You shall receave your money for the pipe and hogges headds staves at the hands of Mr. Quarles

and Mr. Darrell, Surveyors Generall of the Victuells for her Majesty's Navy, here in London by any whome you shall appoint to receave the same without delaye.

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Signed 23^o *Novembris*, 1597, by their Lordships which signed the former letter of this date.

The pay of the
Low Country
soldiers in
England.

A letter to the Maior of Portesmouthe and to the Customers and other her Majesty's officers of that porte. Whereas there were two companies eache of 100 men placed at that porte under the chardge of Sir Charles Percy, knight, and capten John Sidney which have bene paied for six weekes begynnynge from the last daie of the last moneth of October and endinge the xjth of December followinge, 1597. For as moche as the said two companies are appointed to remayne thereabouts for the better defence of that place, and yt would be a greate trouble and chardge to her Majestie to sende one downe expressly to paie them and the other companies that are disperced in the severall places where they doe remaine, wee have therefore thought good to require you to take order that there maie be imprest of twenty poundes, three shillings and fower pence delyvered to the said Sir Charles Percy and the lyke somme to captaine Sydney at the begynnynge of every weeke after the said xjth of December, 1597, for them and their said companies eache of 100 men, whereof ten ys to be deducted out of either of the said bands for dead payes, and there shalbe order taken the foresaid somme shalbe duly paied here in London from tyme to tyme to soche as you shall appointe to receave the same. Therefore wee require you to have care hereof, and yf you shall finde the said companies are not compleate to the number of 90 souldiers besides their officers in eache bande, then wee doe require you to abate so moche money to the captaines of the said bandes as there are men wantinge after the rate of three shillings fower pence by the weeke for every person that shalbe wantinge in those bandes. So, &c.

The lyke letters were wrytten to the Maiours, Customers and officers of the severall portes followinge, with alteration accordinge to the sedules hereunder wrytten for the residewe of the companies.

The pay of the
Low Country
soldiers in
England.

Names of the captaines and the portes where they are placed, with their severall companies.

Thes tenn companies were withdrawn this last sommer out of the severall bandes in the Lowe Countries, and employed under the Erle of Essex this last Voyage.	Sir Charles Percy -	} at Portesmouth.
	Capten John Sidney -	
	Sir Thomas Sherley -	} at Dartmouth.
	Capten George Carew -	
	Capten Josias Bodley -	at Waymouth.
	Capten Benjamyn Berry	} at Fawlmouth.
	Capten John Jeffson -	
	Capten Randall Brett -	} at Plymouthe.
	Capten Fowke Conway	
	Capten Augustin Heath	

The weekly imprests of a bande of 100 men ys xx^{li} iij^s. iij^d. , which for tenn bandes for one weeke ys - - - - -

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Sir Charles Percy and capten Sidney are paied for vj weekes begon the last of October and ended the xjth of December.

The reconing of the other viij^t bandes.

Due to Sir Thomas Sherley the yonger for his bande for three weekes and six daies begon the xxvth of October and ended the xxth of November, 1597 - - - - -

Capten Brett, the lyke - - - - - lxxvij^{li}. xv^s. x^d.

Captaine Berry, the lyke - - - - - lxxvij^{li}. xv^s. x^d.

Captaine Carewe, the like - - - - - lxxvij^{li}. xv^s. x^d.

Captaine Jeffson, the like - - - - - lxxvij^{li}. xv^s. x^d.

Captaine Heathe, the like - - - - - lxxvij^{li}. xv^s. x^d.

Due to captaine Bodley for three weekes and fower daies begonn xxvij^o Octobris and ended xx^o Novembris, 1597 - - - - -

lxxij^{li}. iij^d.

Due to captaine Fowke Conwey for three
 weekes and two daies begonn xxix^o *Octobris* } lxvj^{li} v^s. ij^d
 and ended the xxth of November, 1597 - }

Summe of the money due and } vj^c v^{li}. vj^d.
 paied to this present daie is - }

Thes letters for this ser- vice, viz.:	}	Portesmouth	-	} were delyvered to Robert Browne, a Messenger of the Chamber,
		Dartmouthe	-	
		Fawllmouthe	-	
		Plymouthe	-	

And the letter } Waymouth was delyvered to one Baker,
 to - - - } lieutenant to capten Bodley, whoe went
 in post with yt thether.

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A suit referred
to arbitration.

A letter to Mr. Doctor Ceaser, one of the Masters of the
 Requests, and Mr. Serjant Drew, her Majesty's Serjant-
 at-Lawe. Whereas George Frevill, esquior, hath exhibited
 unto us a complaint against the Deane of Dur[e]sme for
 breakeinge an order sett downe by us and others of her
 Majesty's Privie Counsell in a cause that had bin hearde
 and ordered by Sir Thomas Myldmay, then Chauncellor
 of th'Exchequer, whereunto the Deane hath made answeare.
 Because our leasure dothe not serve us to here those
 controversies we have thought good to require you to take
 the paines to call bothe the parties before you and to
 here this controversie, and if you can to sett downe somme
 freindly agreement betwene them, or otherwise to certyfy
 unto us the differences betwene them and what you thinke
 meete to be don. So, &c.

Corn for Rye.

An open warrant to the Justices of the Peace in the
 county of Sussex or anie of them within the three Rapes
 of Bramber, Arundell and Chichester, and to the officers
 of the Custome House. Whereas the towne of Rye beinge
 replenished with manie people dothe spende a great
 quantety of corne and att this present there ys smale
 store there, and therefore humble suite ys made unto us
 that they may be furnished of two hundreth quarters of

wheat and of barley out of the county of Sussex for the use of the inhabitants of that towne. Theis shalbe to require you to permitt Thomas Higgon, one of that towne, to buy and provide the foresaid quantety of ce quarters of wheat and of barley with the privety of some of you, the Justices, to the ende a greater proporcion be not bought under cullor of this, and to transporte the same to the porte of Rye, givinge good bonds to her Majesty's use to cause the same to be transported to the foresaid place and to no other place, wherein wee pray you the bearer maie have your best assistance. So, &c.

Postscript. Wee pray you that those of whome the said corne ys bought of they may notwithstandinge serve the marketts.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Parker. Her Majestie understand-
inge the paines and care you have taken sithence your
arrivall there in those partes dothe very well allow of the
same, and because you ar there at this tyme presente there
ys order given unto Sir Ferdinando Gorges to repair unto
Falmouthe to conferr with you for the fortifyinge of some
place in the haven to impeache the riddinge (*sic*) of anie
shippes in that roade. For which purpose this bearer,
Pawle Ivy, beinge one that hath good experience in those
matters, ys sent downe to attend upon you, as you shall
further understande by our letters at this tyme to Sir Walter
Rawley and to Sir Ferdynando Gorges. And because there
ys no other occacion that dothe require your further abode
there, after you two with him have considered of the
sytuacion of the place and what you thincke meete to be
don for that purpose, you maie repaire hither to impart
unto us what you have concluded upon and thought meete
to be put in execucion.

The
fortification
of Falmouth.

A letter to *———. Whereas the inclosed petition p. 83.
hath bin exhibited unto us by John Cartrett of that Isle

Jersey
orphans.

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Jersey
orphans.

of Jerzey, guardian to two infants, childerin of one Nicholas Sollement the yonger of the same Isle, from whome, as he do informe, a certaine porcion of lande given to the said Nicholas Sollement the yonger from his father, Nicholas Sollement th'elder, was after evicted by sentence in that Isle, and by the same sentence yt was ordered that the somme of two hundreth and forty pounds should be paid to the said Nicholas by John Stockall and Edward Leporke, to whome the land was adjudged. Whereuppon the possession of the lande beinge yeilded upp the money hath bin still (as wee ar informed) detained from the said Nicholas, and he deceasinge hath left certaine orphants to whome John Cartrett ys guardyan, who ys hardly prosecuted nevertheles by the creditours of Nicholas Sollement for soche money as was owinge unto them by the said Sollement, who might easely be sattisfied upon the recovery of this money. Forasmuche as this cause dothe concerne orphants, who ought in all equity to be paide the foresaid somme awarded by the sentence of that Isle in consideracion that the lande was taken from their father, wee ar moved to require you to call before you the foresaid John Stockall and Edward Leporke, and to order and injoyne them to paie the said somme of ccxl^{li}. accordinge to the sentence to John Cartrett, guardian to the said infants, for their behoofe, which if they shall refuse to doe, then wee require you that good bonds be taken of them to appeare at a certaine day within somme shorte tyme, and to certefy the cause of their refusalls. In the mean season, because Cartrett ys pressed (as he informeth us) for the debts owinge by Nicholas Solement, wee do will and require you to treat with the creditours of Nicholas Solement to forebeare to arrest or trouble the said Cartrett untill some order be taken for the payment of the said money due to the orphants. So prayinge you to take present order accordingly, wee bid you, &c.

Signed 23^o *Novembris*, by the

Lord Keper.

Lord North.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Charles Chamberlaine, gentleman, Surveighour for the delyvery of th'apparrell to her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. It appereth by your certificates of the checkes rayseed uppon the apparrell of bothe seasons sent into the Lowe Countries for the furnishinge of her Majesty's troupes there that your appointed officers for the delyverie of the said apparrell to the souldiers doe not so exactlie performe that chardge as with more dilligence you might, in that you neglect to cause a muster to be taken immediatlie before the apparrell be delyvered, as by the orders heretofore hath bene prescribed. These are therefore to will and require you, as well at this tyme of the delyvery and dystribucion of the wynter apparrell now sent over as at all other tymes hereafter, you resorte to the Governour and Commyssary for Musters in every garryson, and in our names require and demaunde that a muster be taken of all the companies in eache garryson before you delyver the apparrell and that you be present at the muster so taken, to the ende you maie see and dyscerne the strength of every companie and thereuppon see so manie sutes of apparrell delyvered as there shalbe heades appearinge in every companie and no more, that her Majestie be not defrauded of her due checks growinge uppon the said apparrell. And that neither the Governor maie refuse the muster to be taken nor the Commyssary pretend ignorance of this our direction, you shall acquaint either of them with the contents of thes our letters, which as well to them as to you shalbe a sufficient warraunt and signyfication of this our pleasure, and yf they shall pretend any excuses or refuse to shewe a muster of their companies in your viewe, you shall staie the delyvery of

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the said apparrell untill soch a muster be taken, and signifie hether the backwardnes of them that shall refuse to obey this our order and commaundement, whereof you maie not faile. So fare you well.

Carriage of
the clothing
to the West.

An open warraunt directed to all and every the carryers of the West Country and to all Maiors, Sheryfes, Justices of Peace, Balyfes, Constables, Headboroughes, &c., to be aydinge and assystinge to Ury Babington and Roberte Bromley, merchaunts of London. Whereas Ury Babington and Roberte Bromley, merchaunts of London, have provided a thowsand suites of apparrell for the souldiers of the Lowe Countries that are bestowed for the present in divers places in the West Country, some of them beinge at Portesmouthe, other some at Dartmouth, Waymouthe, Plymouth and Faulmouth, for as moch as the said apparrell ys made up in packes and sealed with the seales of those that are appointed to survey the same and ys presentlie to be conveyed to those severall places for the use of the foresaid souldiers, these are in her Majesty's name to will and commaunde all and every the carryers of the West Country that are in London, or that at this tyme shall repaire hether and are to repaire into those partes, not to faile to take so manie packes of the foresaid apparrell as are to be sent to any the foresaid places, the foresaid merchaunts paying them soche allowaunce for carriage of the same as other merchaunts doe for the lyke packes of wares. And therefore the foresaid carryers are hereby commaunded not to faile herein, as they will answer to the contrary.

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Signed 26 November, by the

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlen.

Mr. Secretary.

The
satisfaction
of Falmouth.

A letter to Sir Walter Raleighe, knight, her Majesty's Lieutenante in the countie of Cornwall, &c. Wee sent downe of late Pawle Ivey unto you and did require you

that Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Sir Nicholas Parker might use his advyse in viewinge the scituacion and grownde about the haven of Fawlmouth, and to consider what place might aptlie be chosen there where some convenient bullwarke might be rayased and fortified to plant ordynaunce to hinder and impeache the rydinge of anie shippes in the haven, and to let us understande of your opynions by Sir Nicholas Parker. Because John Killigrew, esquire, ys Captaine of the Castle of Pendence, beinge a place of good importaunce and nere to that haven, where he hath his aboade and dwellinge, wee have thought good to praie you to will him to repaire hether in the company of Sir Nicholas Parker, that wee maie have conference also with him for those thinges that shalbe thought meete to be considered of for that forte. So, &c.

A letter to John Killigrew, esquire, Capten of the Castle of Pendennis. Whereas there is direction given to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Sir Nicholas Parker to veiwe the haven of Falmouth and to use the advyse of Paule Ivey in making choice of some fytt plott of ground where some bulwarke may be rayased to plant ordonance for ympeaching of the ryding of any shippes in the haven, and to lett us understand their opynions by Sir Nicholas Parker. Because the haven is neere unto the Castle of Pendennis, whereof you have the chardge, and your habitacion is also there, it is thought meete you should make your repaire hether unto us with Sir Nicholas Parker, that we may have conference also with you about the said Castle for the strength of the same and other thinges necessary to be considered of in theis tymes of daunger.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, Treasurer of the Chamber, to paie unto Richard Woodward for his chardges and paines in bringing one Edward Holland from the Briell to the Court the somme of sixe powndes.

A prisoner
from Brill.

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Sonday. At the Courte at Whitehall,
27th November, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archebishopp.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Keper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the countie of Stafforde. Whereas Thomas Banckes, a maymed souldier, (as he enformed their Lordships) had a yerly stipend allowed him of x^{li}. and did complaine that the same was now taken awaie and abated to liij^s. iiij^d. by yere, therefore they were willed and required to take present order the said allowaunce of x^{li}. which was first yeelded and paied him maie from tyme to tyme hereafter be contynued and paied him for his comfort and sustentacion by the Treasurer of that countie, or otherwyse to certifie their Lordships the reasons whie the same was withdrawne.

Corn for Lady
Walsingham's
household.

An open warrant to the Justices of the Peace of the county of Norffolk, and to the Customers and other officers of the port to whom yt may appertaine, requiring them to permitt suche as the Lady Walsingham shall appoint that have bought 60 quarters of wheate in that county for her provision in her house to transport the same unto London without let or interupcion.

The pay of
Low Country
officers in
England.

A warraunt to Mr. Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. Whereas Sir Thomas Sherley, knight, late Treasurer of the Warres in the Lowe Countries, was by warraunt signed under her Majesty's hande, bearinge date the 24th of Maie in the 38th yere of her Highnes' raigne, required to paie to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, capten of 150 footemen in the Lowe Countries, his intertainment of vj^s. *per diem* whereof he had bene checked for his absence, thoughe he then was and ever since hath

bene employed in her Majesty's service at the forte at Plymouth, which allowaunce ys to continewe by the saide warraunt untill there shalbe direction to the contrary. For as moch as Sir Thomas Sherley ys no longer Treasurer and you are appointed Paymaster for her Majesty's forces there, thes shalbe to require you to paie unto the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges the foresaid intertainment of *vjs. per diem* for so moche as ys allready or shall growe due unto him from tyme to tyme hereafter, till you shall receave other direction to the contrarie. So, &c.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Threasorer of her Majesty's Chamber, to pay unto John Flemings and Thomas Pope, servants to the Lord Chamberlaine, for six interludes or playes plaid before her Majestie in the Christmas hollidayes last past, the somme of forty pounds for their paines and charges, and by way of rewarde the somme of *xx^{li}*

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Payments
to players.

Ultimo Novembris, '97.

An open warrant unto all her Majesty's publique officers and to anie other to whome yt may appertaine to permitt John Dudley, servant unto Sir Thomas Sherly, knight, who ys imployed by him in his accompts in the office he served as Threasorer at Warres in the Low Contries, quietly to passe without lett or mollestacion duringe the space of two monnethes ensuinge.

Sir John
Shirley's
accounts.

A letter to the Erle of Essex, Master of the Ordynaunce. Whereas there are six shippes appointed to repaire to St. Vallerie's in Picardy to take in the 900 English souldiers and to transporte the said souldiers with some quantitie of apparrell from thence unto Waterforde in Irelande, and to bringe also from thence some other provicion for her Majesty's service. Because for the better furnishinge of the said shippes yt ys thought fytt there should some provicion of powder, match and bullett be allowed unto them, these shalbe to praie your good Lordship to cause eighteene

Ammunition
for the
defence of the
transports.

barrells of powder to be delyvered to the masters of the said shippes, that ys three barrells for every shippe with a proporcion of match and bullet answerable to the quantity of powder wherewith they maie be furnished as occacion shall serve for the defence of those vessells, and to cause bondes to be taken of those to whome the powder shalbe delyvered for the restoringe of the remaine which shalbe left uppon the retorne of the shippes into the Office of the Ordynaunce, wherein thes shalbe warraunt to your Lordship. So, &c.

A long out-
standing Low
Country
difficulty.

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A letter to Mr. Meredith, Payemaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. Whereas a good while sythence by letters wee recommended a cause in controversie betweene Edward Doncombe of London, merchaunt, and capten Alderich to the hearinge of Sir Thomas Sherley, late Treasurer at Warres, and Sir Thomas Wilkes, knights, concernynge the somme of fower score three powndes, seaven shillinges and a penny demaunded by Duncombe of the said Aldrich, pretended to be due to be due (*sic*) to him for victuells and other necessaries delivered by Thomas Brune, sometymes Victueller to her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries, to the companie of captaine Salisbury, whose wyfe and executrix captaine Alderich did marry and obtained order from us for the payment of a good somme of money due to Salisbury out of the checkes. For as moche as uppon due examynacion of the cause wee have bene certified from Sir Thomas Sherley and Sir Thomas Wilkes that capten Alderich ought to paie the said somme demaunded by Duncombe, whereof (as yet) he hath receaved no parte, and the poore man hath bene of longe tyme an humble suitor unto us for payment of the somme afore-said growinge due for victuells and other necessaries which ought cheefely to be paied, these shalbe therefore to require you to staie and defaulke from tyme to tyme out of the intertainment of captaine Alderich the foresaid somme of fowerscore and three powndes, seaven shillinges and a penny, to be paied by you to the said Edward Doncombe, as the same ys or shall hereafter growe due,

unles in the meane tyme captaine Alderich shall give him other satisfaction, which wee are induced to doe the rather for that the said captaine hath already receaved a greate somme of her Majestie out of the checks for an old debtt, wherein thes shalbe your sufficient warrant. So, &c.

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An open warrant to William Meredith, paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. Whereas upon late advertisment of an intencion that the enemye had to besiege the towne of Ostendè there were fower bands of footemen sent thither from Pycardy, (that ys to say) Sir Arthur Savage's bande of cc heads, and the bands of Sir John Brooke, Sir Arthur Chichester and Sir Jerrard Harvey, eche of them consistinge of 150 heads, and that order ys taken that the somme of fower hundred twentie and one pounds, fower shillings shalbe delivered to you out of the receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer for their weekly imprests for one monneth begonne the xxjth of this moneth and endinge the xvijth of December next, these are to will and require you to paie unto those fower bands suche and the like weekly payments and imprests for the said money as you do pay to other bands of footemen of the lyke number servinge her Majestie in the Low Countries, and to continue soche payment to them untill they shalbe revocked or other dyreccion given to you in that behalf. And these shalbe your sufficient warrant and discharge therein.

The pay of
the increased
garrison of
Ostend.

A letter to the Lord Anderson (*sic*), requiring his Lordship that whereas about Marche last order was taken for the banyshment of certaine Brownistes out of the realme intending a voyage to the Bay of Canyda, and amongst others one Thomas Nelmes, being a principall of that sect, was then at sea and by that meanes omitted, he would take bondes of him to her Majesty's use to depart the realme and not to retorne againe, and therupon to sett him at liberty, remayning in Newgate.

Brownists
for Canada.

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Signed by the

Lord Keper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary.
Mr. Chauncellour of th'Exchequer.	

Ultimo Novembris, 1597.

The
obstinacy of
the Recusants
at Banbury.

A letter to Sir Anthony Cope, knight. Wee did little thincke to have fownde soche obstinacie in the Recusants that are at the Castle of Banbury as wee perceave by your letters, but nowe wee find they shewe them selves in all thinges as perverse and contemptuous as they are backward to reforme them selves to her Majesty's lawes, and therefore our meanyng ys, lyke as they persyst in refusinge to answer the Keper for theirre diett and other chardges as was ordered they should doe, that not withstandinge anie warraunt or direction that maie be hereafter obtained of us for the enlargment of anie of them they shalbe nevertheles continewed under restraint untill they have satisfied the Keper of all those duties (*sic*) he ys to have of them, bothe for theirre diett as esquires as also for theirre chambers and fees accordinge to the orders of the Fleete, he beinge at great chardges with servaunts and officers for theirre uses and safe kepinge, so fewe of them beinge there as yt ys a great chardge and lesse proffytt to him, &c.

Signed by the foresaid Lords.

The Norfolk
trained bands.

A letter to the Commyssioners for the Musters in the county of Northefolke requiring them to call the highe constables in every C there in that county before them and to examine a certaine complaint made to theirre Lordships by Roger Ramsey, and (*sic*) Alderman of Norwich, for a remaine of money due to capten Worlock for his intertainment by the inhabitaunts of that countie, made over (as was alledged) by Worlock unto him in consideracion of 40^{li}. dysbursed by Ramsey to Worlock, and yf the informacion

should fall out to be true they were then in lyke manner required to take order that the sommes unpaied and collected might be paied to the suppliant for his satisfaction, that theire Lordships might no further be troubled with this matter, or els to certifie theire proceedinges and opynions therein, &c.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of the Chamber, requiring him to pay unto Sir Charles Blont, knight, being lately sent to Portesmouth with some other captens in his company, where he contynued certayne daies, for his postage and other expences the somme of forty powndes. Warrant for payment.

A letter to the Justices of Assize for the countie of Kent. This gentlewoman, Blanche Price, widowe, hathe by the inclosed peticion made complaint unto us of some wrong offred unto her by one Robert Transham, a yonger brother to her late husband, in withholding from her the possession and rent of an eighth parte of certayne gavelkynd land in the county of Kent which she hathe enjoyed til of late. They were by their Lordships required to examine her complaint and to call the said Transham before them, and upon hearing of the cause, yf they finde her wrongfully troubled, to take order she may enjoy the matter belonging to her and have that satisfaction at Transham's handes which they shall finde agreable to equity. Kentish gavelkind.

St. Andrewe's day. At the Court at Whitehall, the last of November, 1597. p. 90.

Present :

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall:	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Chancellor of
Lord North:	th'Exchequer.

A pasport for William Shelton of Ungerpark in the county of Essex, esquior, to repaire unto Roan in France, A passport for France.

directed to all her Majesty's publique officers to permitt him quietly to passe aswell in his jorny thither as in his retorne duringe the space of six weekes.

Six years in
the Tower.

A letter to the Leiutennant of the Tower to cause bond with good surties to be taken to her Majesty's use of Gilbert Laton, who hathe bin prisoner there these vj yeres, with condicions that the said Laton shall at all tymes be forthcominge upon warninge given for him at a certaine place in London, and also to behave himself as a good subject towards the estate of this realme, and when her Majestie shalbe at anie of her houses in London not to repair to the Court, and when the Court shalbe further of not to com within three milles of the same, and after bond taken with those condicions he may be sett at liberty.

Part payment
of an Irish
claim.

A letter to the Lord Threasorer. Whereas her Majestie in August last did grant a Privie Seale of fower thousande pounds towards the payment of certaine captains and other Irishe suitors that demaunded divers sommes of mony for entertainment, diet of souldiers and other duties, whereof soch payment was apointed to be made as by anie six of us, whereof your Lordship to be one, should be allowed. Forasmuche as John Gould, leiutennant in that realme of Irelande, hath sued by good warrant that there ys due unto him the somme of lxx^{li.} for his wages and entertainment, and the poore man ys driven at this tyme to som extremity, wee have bin moved, with the consent of your Lordship, to yeild he might receive the somme of xx^{li.} for the present in parte of payment of the aforesaid somme untill other order might be taken for him, and therefor we pray your Lordship out of that somme remaining of the foresaid 4,000^{li.} to paie or cause to be paid unto him the somme of xx^{li.}, wherein theis our letters with her Majesty's Privie Seale shalbe sufficient discharge to your Lordship in that behalf, &c.

Thursday. Att the Court at Whithall, the first of p. 91.
December, 1597.

Present :

Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

A warrant to the Keeper of the Compter in Wood Streete to discharge and sett at liberty John Owen Theoder, who was sent over out of France from Sir Arthur Savage, knight, beinge suspected he would have gon to the enemy. Release of a suspected deserter.

Instructions given to Sir Henry Poore, knight, one of the Collonells that had chardg of certaine of the companies of souldiers lately serving in Picardy. Picardy troops to go to Ireland.

You shall understand that the Quene's Majestie hath determynd that all the companies of the Englishe souldiers serving in Picardy shall be sent and emploied for her Majesty's service in Ireland, and therefore there is provided shipping and vyctualles for the transportacion of suche nombers as remaine there, which at this tyme is sent thither unto you. And therefore considering you have ben emploied there as a collonell over certaine bands, and that Sir Arthure Savage is come from thence who was the other collonell, her Majesty's pleasure is to employ you with the chardg to conduct all the said bandes and souldiers now remayning there in Fraunce into Ireland. For which purpose they which have the chardge of the shipping are directed to go from thence to Waterforde and no further, because the passage dyrectly to Dublin is accompted both dangerous and uncertaine to be expedyted without long delay, because the wyndes which are to serve for that passage are varyous.

You shall upon the receipt of theis instructions cause the Muster Master there to vewe your whole nombers there remayning, aswell sicke and hurte as whole, and

Picardy
troops to go
to Ireland.

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cause perfect rolles to be made of every severall band, noting the numbers of the sicke and hurte, who shalbe sent from thence into England, and of all suche as be whole and hable to serve, so as they maie be shipped to passe into Ireland. And upon the veiwe thereof you shall cause the Muster Master to make perfect rolles with the checques both of the capitaines, officers and soldiers as they have bene sorted into bandes, and yf anie of the capitaines be absent so as they cannot take chardg of their numbers you shall for your more ease committ the trust of the said souldyers to the lieutenantes, but yf they also shalbe absent you shall commytt the care of their conduction to suche as you shall thincke fytt for that chardge. And yf anie of the capitaines there or lieutenantes shall seeme unwilling to go in this service you shall lycense them to retorne from thence, and notwithstanding to committ the souldiers to some others, not as to contynue capitaines but to keepe them in order during their passage and to conduct them into Ireland, where they shalbe sorted into bands of hundrethes by meanes of filling up suche as be deficient with the others that be extant, or otherwyse at their coming into Ireland to be placed under capitaines that are already there and have lacke of numbers to supply their bandes.

You are also to understand that their numbers when they shall come into Ireland shalbe sorted into bandes of hundrethes, for yt is ordered in those wars of Ireland that no capitaines of footmen have or shall have allowance of any numbers in a band above one hundreth.

Item, although you your self in our opinion maie deserve to have a greater number, yet for observacion of order you must be contented only with the number of an 100, as all others are. But considering at this present you are to take the gennerall chardge of all the numbers there, which wee take to be ix bandes in liste, every one of 150, yet we are perswaded certainly that the numbers are so defective as they will scantly supply 900 bodies when

they shall come into Ireland, and therefore wee have thought meet for your maintenance to allowe unto you suche former intertaynment as you have had both for your place of collonell and for your capitainship, which intertaynment shall contynue untill you shall have delivered over in Ireland the numbers so conducted by you to be employed by the Earl of Ormond, her Majesty's Lieutenant Generall of her armies in that realme, to whom we have written our letters for the receiving of them into the Queen's service, which letters you shall receive with theis present instructions to be carried thither.

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You shall have also letters herewith sent unto you directed to Sir Thomas Norreis, President of Monster, and to the Maiour of Waterford for the receiving of you and theis numbers into Waterford, there to be vyctualled untill you shall have dyrection from the Earle of Ormond or the Councell in Ireland for your remove from thence to Dublin or to suche place as the Earle of Ormond shall prescribe you. And where you shall have vyctuals to be shipped with you at your departing out of Fraunce to serve you by estimacion for sixe weekes, you shall do well that suche of your vyctuals as may remayne unspent at your coming to Waterford maie be safely landed at Waterford, and there to be bestowed for your vyctualling as far as the same may extend.

Item, our meaning is that suche of the captens as are under you and shall passe into Ireland shall as far forthe as yt maie be have out of theis numbers so many as maie make them bandes of hundrethes with the dead paies usually allowed in Ireland, and the rest that shall remayne to be by order of the Lord Lieutenant there bestowed into bandes of Ireland that are defective.

You shall at your landing at Waterford or where so ever by the weather you shalbe forced to take landing require the officers of the place where you shall land to send some person with speed to the Lord Lieutennant or to the Councell of Ireland to notefy your landing with knowledg

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of your numbers, and require dyrection from thence how and in what tyme you shall repaire to the place to be appoynted by the said Lord Lieutennant. And yf you shall fynde any difficulty for provision for vycтуalling and lodging your numbers in safety at your landing you shall send to Sir Thomas Norreis, the Lord President there, to require his furtherance and assistance for your good usage there, and to that end you shall have good regard to the souldiers under your chardge to use themselves honestly without offence to the people there.

There is also sent in the said shippes 900 sutes of wynter apparrell, whereof a servant of Mr. Babington's hathe the chardge, of whom you shall receive the same and cause the apparrell to be delivered unto the souldiers after they shalbe on shipbord, according to the numbers of the men, and to cause a sute of apparrell to be lykewyse delivered to every sicke souldier, to which end you shall send hether a roll of the names of the sicke souldiers that have bene dischardged since the xxvth of October last, according to suche direction as you received from me, the Lord Treasurer.

Fynallie, you shall by your letters to be retorned by *—— Bodelow, that hathe the chardge of this shipping, certefy us what tyme you shalbe landed there and when you shall thincke tyme for your departure from thence towards Dublin.

Wee have given order for you and your numbers that shalbe now shipped out of France to be paid so much as is already due unto you and the companies untill the tyme of your shipping, and so much more as shall make your pay from the tyme of your shipping to be full xiiij^{en} daies, and for suche as be sicke and hurt, not meet or hable to be ymployed in this service towards Ireland, order is given for them to be fullie paid of that which is due to them and of so much more as shall serve them for xiiij^{en}

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daies to bring them into England, of which number we require to be certefied by wryting from you and the Muster Masters. Picardy troops to go to Ireland.

A letter to the Erle of Ormond, Lieutennant Gennerall of the army in Ireland. We did in our last letters sent to your Lordship and the Councell there advertyse you how her Majesty was purposed to send over thither 900 experienced souldiers that had served in Picardy in those wars, for the transportacion of which souldiers there have ben sixe shippes taken up here and at this present are gon to St. Vallerie's, being vyctualled for that purpose to take in those 900 souldiers and to see them transported to Waterford in Ireland. The cheif chardge to conduct them thither is commytted to Sir Henrie Poore, who had the place of second collonell in Fraunce and hathe one companie which is to be reduced to 100, according as the other companies are there. And in lyke manner so many of the capitaines as served in Picardy as shall at this present go thither with their companies wee thincke meet they maie be retayned to have chardge of an hundreth men for every company. The rest of the souldiers may serve to fill up the decaied bandes there. Hereof wee thought good for the present to advertyse your Lordship, that capten Poore at his arryvall there, whereof he is commaunded to give your Lordship speedy notice, may finde ready order from your Lordship how to direct his course with those supplies he bringeth with him. And because wee have ben advertysed from the Cheif Justice and Councell there that the weakenes of the bands gennerally is suche as they are not the one half of that number they ought to be, and therefore they signified unto us that they had a purpose to reduce them to fower (*sic*, ?fewer) companies and to make them full p. 94. and compleat, we praie your Lordship, as you shall with parte of theis men fill up some of the defective bandes, that you will lykewyse with the rest of the bandes that are weakest make up so many companies compleat as the number shalbe hable to performe, and to place them under

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the capitaines of best experience, and so to discharge other captens whose broken companies shalbe taken to fill up the bandes.

A letter to Sir Thomas Norris, knight, Lord President of Munster in Ireland, and the Maiour of Waterforde. Forasmuche as by the Quene's Majesty's commaundment divers of those bands and companies as served this last yere in Pycardy are sent thither to be imployed in her service in soche sorte as shalbe thought most expedient by the Erle of Ormond, her Majesty's Lieutenant Gennerall over all her forces in that realme of Irelande, and whereas to avoyde the further dainger of their passadge which might happen by contrary wyndes if they should take their dyrect course to Dublin theie have bin dyrected to make their course thither to Waterforde and there to lande the said souldiers, which consist of nine hundred persons or thereabouts. Wee have thought good to require you and either of you to whome theis our letters shalbe delivered that ymediatly upon the landinge of the said nombers, which are sent thither under the charge of Sir Henry Poore, knight, one of the collonels under whome they served in Pycardy, you give order to have them victualled and lodged theare in Waterford or in places neare there unto, accordinge to the usuall order for souldiers in Irelande and as you shall thincke most convenient, untill soche tyme as Sir Henry Poore maie by his letters to the said Lord Lieutenant or Counsell at Dublin receive dyreccion from them to repaire with the said nombers either dyrectly to Dublin or soche other place as he shall be directed unto, for the conveyance of whose letters with the more expedicion wee require you to take care that some trusty messinger maie be speedely sent with the same. And for the charge of their lodginge and victualling duringe the tyme of their stay there wee require you, the Maiour of Waterford, to disburse the same, which wee have taken order shall be repaid by Sir Henry Wallopp, her

Majesty's Threasorer there at Warres, uppon knowledg had from you what the same shall com unto. And so prayinge you to have soche care hereof as the cause requireth, and that soche victualls as shall remaine on shipbord after their landinge maie be taken on land and employed (as farr as yt will stretch) for their victuallinge to the ease of her Majesty's charge, as herein wee have in like manner signified the like to Sir Henry Poore, wee, &c.

A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, and the Maiour of Plymouthe. Wee have considered of the letters from you both jointly and from you, the Maiour, wherein you do require some order and dyrection from us for those Spaniards, being to the number of 85, that are at Plymouthe, to whom you have made allowance already as you say in your letter after the rate of *vj^d*. by the daie, but you do not certefy unto us in what shippes they were taken and brought thether. For answeare to your letters wee thincke meet that suche Spaniardes as were taken in this late Voyage, wherein our very good Lord the Earle of Essex was Generall, shalbe kept at her Majesty's chardg[e]s, which may be defraied out of suche goodes as have ben sold or shalbe thought meet hereafter to be sold that were taken in the said Voyage. Therefore as hetherto you have don, so we require you to see that allowance contynued unto them which by his Lordship was appointed for them, and for the place you have bestowed them in wee refer yt to your discretion to retayne them still there or to remove them as you shall see occasion to the gaoyle or to other places meet for that purpose, wherein our meaning is not that her Majestie shalbe at chardges with any that have ben taken by anie other capitaines or merchantes that have sett forthe shippes to the seas by waie of reprisall or otherwyse, but only for suche as were taken in the late action or of the Spanishe fleete that were lately driven into sondrie harborowes of the realme. In the meane season you shall do well to lett them understande yf they will procure the meanes that suche her

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The Spanish
prisoners at
Plymouth.

Majesty's subjectes as are detained in any of the King of Spaine's domynions may be sett at liberty in exchange for them they shalbe therupon lykewyse discharged, and especially as heretofore we do earnestly require you to make diligent inquiry by all meanes to learne yf anie of them be men of reckoning and accompt amongst them.

And where by your letter you do fynde that the captens of the companies having lyke authority have no command one over another, wee thincke yt fitt that you, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, being a Deputy Lieutennant of that shire and Capitaine of her Majesty's forte there, the captens of the companies shuld be at your direction. Lastly, where you require that some punishment maie be inflicted on those souldiers that run away, wee thincke that the Earle of Bath, being her Majesty's Lieutennant of that county, hath sufficient authority in that behalf. Nevertheles we praie you to cause as many of them as shall withdrawe themselves to be apprehended and committed to prison and to advertyse both his Lordship and us of the same, that dyrection maie be given for some exemplar punishment to be inflicted upon them.

The liability
for the
maintenance
of prisoners.

A letter to the Maior of Southampton. Whereas wee understand by your late letters that you have commytted to pryson 25 Portingalls that were brought in by William Gresham in a pryze he took, althoughe wee gave generall direction that in regard of the hard usage her Majesty's subjects receave in Spain all soche Spanyards as are here in the land should be restrained and not permytted to goe at liberty, yet there ys no reason her Majestie should be at chardges with any of thes that are taken by soche as goe to the seas by waie of reprisall, but only soche as were taken in this last action. And therefore you shall (as directed from us) commaund Gresham to take uppon him the chardge to see those Portingalls that were brought in by him releevd or sent awaie at his owne chardges, which yf he refuse to doe, you maie make staie of his shipp or some of the goods he tooke, or take bond of him to appere before us. So, &c.

A letter to the Lords Justices and Counsell of Ireland. p. 96.
 The petycion inclosed hathe ben delyvered unto us by Richard Condon of that realme complayning against John Fitz Edmond, esquire, by whom he alledgeth there are detayned from him certaine landes of his inherytance, whereof his auncestors were possessed, and wrongfully entred upon by the said Fitz Edmond in the tyme of the rebellion of the Earl of Desmond. He maketh also an humble sute unto us to be pardoned for an intrusyon committed by him in entring into his father's possessions without suing of his livery, whereby some advantage is growne to her Majestie for the tytle thereof, and therefore uppon surrender of his lands he desireth to have the same regraunted to him for confyrmacion of his interest. Because the state of his complaint and sute are more fytt to be considered there and may more aptly be there examined we do refer his petycion unto your Lordships and the rest, and do praie you to give him that redres for the wronges he supposeth to be done unto him upon due examinacion of the cause as you shall thincke in equity ought to be afforded unto them (*sic*). And for his other requestes you may also consyder of the same and certefy unto us what you thincke meet to be done.

A letter to Sir Richard Martin, Mr. Recorder of London, Mr. Topcliffe, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Aty, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Skevington, or any two of them, requyryng them to examine one Thomas Travers, prisoner in Brydewell, being detected for stealing a standyshe of her Majestie by examinacion of wytnesses, and yet he still persisted in obstynate denyall thereof, and yf he shall not declare the truthe by your perswasion, then to put him to the torture of the manacles. Torture for a suspected thief.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, Threasurer of the Chamber, requiring him to paie unto Thomas Vane, esquire, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, for the chardges of the Governour of Dunkerke remayning in his house when he was sent over for certayne dayes and then convaying him to Deptford, where he was delivered to Sir Henry Norreys, the somme of fourtene powndes, fyve shillinges. The Governor of Dunkirk

The third of December, 1597.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord North.	Mr. Chancellor of th'Exchequer.

The pay of the
Low Country
soldiers at
Portsmouth.

A warrant to Mr. Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contries. Whereas order is taken that the somme of clxj^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} shalbe delyvered to you out of the receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer for the weekly imprestes of cc men remayning nowe at Portesmouthe and distributed into two bandes under the commaund of Sir Charles Percy, knight, and capten John Sidney, for one monneth begynning the xijth of December, 1597, and ending the viijth of January following, after the rate of xx^{li.} iij^{s.} iiij^{d.} weekly to eache companie. Forasmuch as Edward Maxey, one of the Customers of Southampton, hath undertaken to see the said somme paid to those two bandes, we do hereby will and require you to pay and delyver the said somme of clxj^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} to the said Edward Maxey to be paid over by him to those two bandes accordingly. And theis with his acquyttance, &c.

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Sir Thomas
Shirley in
the Fleet.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete. Whereas Sir Thomas Sherley, knight, late Treasurer at Warres in the Lowe Contries, was commytted by us to your custody for some causes concerning her Majesty's service, forasmuch as we are informed that he hath many sutes and private busynesses of his owne which cannott be followed and fynished without his great and apparant prejudyce unless he in his owne person do sollycite and attend the same, wee do hereby will and require you to permytt him at all tymes and from tyme to tyme to go abroad with a keeper to followe and sollicite his owne causes, provyded alwayes that he do retorne every night to the Fleete and ly there, and this shalbe your warrant and dischardg in that behalf.

A letter to Mr. Dr. Cæsar, Mr. Dr. Parkins, Alderman Halliday and Alderman Hampden: Whereas Martin Frederico, a merchant of Venice, hath procuration from the Signiory of Venice to followe a cause concerning certayne corne that was sold out of the St. Agatha Morisina, which shipp was the last yeare driven into Portesmouth, and *[in rega]rd of the great scarsety at that tyme within the realme a good quantity thereof after appraysement was sold for the use of the inhabytantes of Portesmouth, Southampton and the contrey thereaboutes. Forasmuch as the said Frederico doth complayne that the corne was undervalued, sold at lowe prices aud that there is a greate parte wanting, and of other abuses in the Commyssioners appointed to sell the same, theis shalbe to require you to call before you the said Martin Frederico and to see what excepcions he can take to the accomptes of Edward Maxey, John Caplen, Marke James and Jonas Quarles, and to heare what they can alledge and answeare also in their behalf, and therupon to certefy us what fault upon due examynation of the cause you shall finde in their dealing and to the losse of the proprietaries, because her Majestie hathe care the Signiory should have all the satisfaction in theis causes which in equity ought to be afforded unto them.

The sale of
the cargo of
the Venetian
ship.

Letters to the Lord Archbishophe of Canterbury praying his Lordship to give order for the enlardgment of Sir Thomas Tresham, knight, Edward Rookwood and Edward Sullyard, prysoners at Ely, Thomas Wilford and Thomas Crawley at Banbery, upon bondes to be taken of them to her Majesty's use for their forthcoming upon x dayes' warning at suche places as his Lordship shall thincke convenyent, so as they take order with Sir John Higham and Sir Anthony Cope for their chardges for the tyme they have bene under their custody as prisoners at Ely and Banbery.

Recusants
released
on bail.

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Sonday. At the Courte at Whitehall, the fourth of
December, 1597.

Present:

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Chancellor of
Lord North.	th'Exchequer.

Municipal
troubles at
Totnes.

A letter to the Justices of Assize for the countie of Devon. Whereas the inclosed petycion hathe ben exhibited unto us by the burgesses of the towne of Totnes in the county of Devon, complayning that by the [desire] of some others that have bene lykewyse burgesses there of late yeares (as they [allege]) to advaunce their owne authority and private respect, dyvers auntyent libertyes and prehemynences that of long tyme have ben enjoyed by them and their predecessors according to their chartre have ben abridged and altered, wherby great inconvenyence and prejudyce is lyke to growe to the common state of the towne, and amongst other pointes they complayne that the choice of the Maiour there having gon by the gennerall election of the common burgesses doth now rest in the power of some private persons that have followed this course to procure alteracion of their said auntyent priviledges. Wee have thought good to refer this their petycion unto you and to pray you to consider of the same by perusing of their auntyent chartres, whereupon you may take order for contynuanee of suche of their priviledges as you shall thincke meetest to be mayntained, and consider of the inconvenyences which the supliantes pretend are lykely to growe by the new alteracions, and therein to certefy us your opinions what you thincke fittest to be don.

The hard case
of certain
Jerseymen.

A letter to the Capten and Justices of Jarsey that whereas a peticion was exhibited unto their Lordships by John Briard, an inhabitant of that Isle, shewing that his

father and brother amongst certaine other poore fishermen in the said Isle about 5 yeres past, by comaundement and direction from the Capten and cheefe inhabitaunts there settinge them selves forth in a small bote to sea for dyscovery of certaine Spanish shippes that were thought to direct their course to invade that Isle, they were taken prysoners by those Spanyards and were constrayned to morgage that small livinge and goods they had for their ransom. If this informacion were true there was great reason they should in their Lordships' opynions be releevd by the inhabytaunts, and therefore they were required, yf by their aucthorytie they were sett forth and thereby incurred this mishapp to the hazard of their lives and undoinge, to cause order to be taken that there might be a generall contribucion and collection made amongst the cheefest sorte of the people and inhabitaunts there towards the answering thes poore men of their ransoms, with soch chardges and losses which thereby they sustayned, as they should thinck convenient to releve them in their necessyties, or otherwyse to certifie their Lordships the reasons whie they thought yt not meete to performe the same.

A letter of assystaunce to all Vice-Admyralls, &c., and other her Majesty's publick officers as well within the realmes of England and Ireland to give their best aides and assystaunces to the saide John Bryard accordinge to a comyssion graunted out of the Admyralltie for the arrestinge and sequestringe any shippes, goods and debttts belonginge to any rebells and ennemyes to the Frenche Kinge wheresoever the same might be fownde, considering that this suppliant had a shippe laden with fishe and oyle which was taken and spoiled by a shipp of warr of the Isle of Arse within the river of Morbian at sea by Monsieur de la Hottiers de Vanes, whereof Monsieur Cassomerre of Nants was capten and John Obyn of Croysick was master, and other their associates, rebells to the said Kinge, which comyssion was to continewe in force for the space of x monethes, &c.

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Reprisals
against the
League.

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sort of things
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A letter to the Lorde^s Justices and rest of the Councell in Ireland. [The encl]osed petition hath bene exhibited unto us by one Thomas Parsons, [esquire], shewing thereby that a brother of his named John Parsons, [esquire], servinge as a captaine in her Majesty's warres there, where [in] Midsomer last he was slaine, and at the tyme of his [death] was possessed of divers goodes, speciallties and billes of accompt of his owne, and had in keepinge of this suppliant's (as he enformeth) a chayne of gold amounting in vallew to 30 or 40^{li.}, all which goods and speciallties are (as he alledgeth) come to the hands of one Charles Hawes, a souldier of the said capten Parsons' bonde (*sic*) uppon surmyse of a will parole the said Parsons should make in the feild after he had receaved his deathe's wounde, havinge but one wytnesse, whoe ys a meane souldier of the same band, to prove the same. For as moche as the suppliant alledgeth that capten Parsons, his brother, was greatlie bound unto him for his brotherly kyndnes shewed unto him for his maintenance and was otherwyse engaged unto him, [and] besydes dothe challenge by common course of reason (beinge nerest to him in blood) to be admynistrator of the goods to the said capten Parsons his brother, wee have therefore thought good to addresse this cause unto you, prayinge and requiringe you to call all the said parties before you, and thorroughlie to heare and examine the said complaint, and yf uppon examynacion of the matter yt shall fall out that the supposed will ys but counterfaite, then to take order the said souldier maie be punyshed and that this suppliant maie be forthwith restored to all soche goods and speciallties which were his said brother's and to the chayne of golde which he claymeth to be his owne. And so prayinge you to take order herein accordinglie, that wee be no further troubled with this complaint, wee bidd.

* Original marginal note.

A warrant to the Keper of the Marshallses (*sic*) to receive into his custodie Jeffery Dupper, Abraham Campion, *——— Snellinge, *——— Miller, *——— Powell, *——— Smithe and Francis Jones, brewers, whoe were this present daie commytted prysoners to that pryson by order from theire Lordshippes. Brewers sent to prison.

A warrant to Ury Babington and Robert Bromley, p. 100. merchantes. Whereas in August last you received out of the Exchequer the somme of ten thousand sixe hundreth and one pownds, fyve shillinges for the provision of wynter apparrell for her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contries, forasmuch as those thousand souldyers which were withdrawne from thence this last sommer and ymploied under our very good Lord the Earle of Essex, being nowe retorned, are distributed into ten severall bandes under capitaines and offycers and placed in dyvers townes and portes in the West Contrey, to contynue there during her Majesty's pleasure, we do will and require you to delyver one thousand sutes of this wynter apparrell to those men, that is to say one hundreth sutes to every band, taking the acquittances of the capitaines or in their absence of some other officer of eache band for the same. And theis togeather with the said acquittances shalbe your sufficient warrant and dischardge. Winter clothing for the troops in England.

A letter to the Mayor of Plymouthe. [There hathe bene complaint] made unto us by Arnold, Peter and Hans Lulls and Peter Va[———, mercha]nt straingers, shewing that whereas aboute Aprill last a shippe of the [said merchants'] of Hambrough, laden with sweet wynes and bound for Midleborough, [was taken at sea by] two shippes of the Erle of Comberland and Sir Thomas Gerrard, [who afterwards] made restytucion of the said shippes according to a sentence in the Admyralty Court. And whereas order being taken by our warrant for the safe keeping of the said wynes while the matter was in tryall, notwithstanding yt is informed that one William Lewis of Plymouthe did Surreptitious sale of the cargo of a prize.

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by synister meanes conveighe away sixe or seaven pipes of those sweet wyne out of the said shippes (*sic*) and sold the same to Thomas and Humfrey Foynes of the same towne, theis shalbe to require you to call the said William Lewis and Thomas and Humfrey Foynes before you and to cause them either to make restytucion of the said wyne or the value thereof into the hands of James Bugg of Plymouthe, or to take bondes of them to answeare the matter before us.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Stafford requiring them to contynue the allowance of x^{li}. yearly which they assigned to one Richard Emmes, a souldier maymed in her Majesty's service, and of late have withheld, unles there be just cause to the contrary.

Release of
Recusants
from Ely.

Letters to the Lord Archbishopp of Canterbury to cause bonds to be taken to her Majesty's use of Robert Ap Rece, John Draycott, Thomas Gawyn, Ferdynando Paris and his sonn P[h]ilippe Paris, prisoners at the Pallace of Ely, and upon the like condicions and payment by them made unto the Keeper of the said place as ar mencioned in the former letters to give order for their inlardgment, &c.

His Lordship was also to take lyke order for the enlargement of John Thymbleby, Henry Karvell, Samuell Lowe and Jarvis Peirpoint, prysoners at the Pallace of Ely, under the custody of the said Sir John Higham.

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An appeal to
the city of
Lubeck.

Litteræ a Dominis Regiæ Majestatis Privati Concilii, Dominis Preconsulibus et Consulibus Imperialis Civitatis Lubicensis. Magnifici et spectabiles Domini, amici nostri charissimi Serenissimæ Reginæ Domine nostræ clementissimæ subditus quidam Thomas Lynd multa jam diu instantia apud nos egit ut causa quædam ipsius in civitate vestra olim cæpta multumque frustra agitata, hic tandem cognoscenda susciperetur. De spoliatorum vero restitutione jure cujusdam Chapelii ad se devoluto actionem intentasse se ostendit, cujus prosecutione id tantum apud vos obtineri hactenus potuisse refert, ut bona illa de quibus agitur, a possessionibus in Moscoviam destinata

Cæsarei cujusdam edicti vigore in commissum cecidisse dicerentur. Ab Imperatore enim tunc temporis inhiberi pretendebatur ne quid ejus generis mercium ad Muscovitas ex Imperii portubus transportaretur. Ab legitimis testimoniis Lynd dicitur satis probasse, illud mandatum quod a vestratibus pretenditur a Ferdinando Cæsare latum fuisse 26 Novembris, anno 1560, ab eodem revocatum fuisse mense Maii, 1562. Postea vero anno nimirum 1577 sub illius mandati prætextu bona mercatoris Angli a vobis arresta[nt]unt, cum diu antea antiquatum esset illud mandatum et pax esset inter Sacrum Romanum Imperium et Muscovitas, ita ut nullus hostilitatis vel mandatorum illorum pretextus de jure et æquo allegari possit. Antea quoque solemnibus legatio ex Muscovia anno 1576 recepta fuit Ratisbonæ et alia a statibus Imperii in Muscoviam decreta quæ indicavit omnia priora mandata tempore belli facta jam fuisse ita ut illis non obstantibus deinceps liceret eo cum mercibus commeare. Cum igitur sic constet, bona nostris nulla legitima ex causa sed affectato hoc tantum pretextu ablata fuisse, et partes conquerantur Serenissimæ Reginæ aliorumque Principum litteris ea de re sæpe ad vos datis Justiciam impetrari hactenus non potuisse, Repressaliarum literis (sic), ad actoris instantiam Serenissima Regina Domina nostra Clementissima (Justitia id poscente) non potuit denegare, ea tamen conditione ne executione demandarentur donec predictus Lynd iterum apud vos causam suam ageret, jurisque sui satisfactionem postularet, quo istius certiores facti, rem rectius considerandam opportune suscipere possetis. Idque nos etiam amice petimus ut causa hæc diligenter inspecta quod æquitati consentaneum fuerit, vos reipsa prestetis, et ut serenissima Regina Domina nostra clementissima ab extraordinariis hisce remediis, quæ sine gravi incommodo vestro adhiberi non possunt, penitus desisti jubeat. Quod reliquum est tranquillum Reipublicæ statum cæteraque fœlicia vobis exoptamus.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of London requiring them according to the statute provyding for maymed souldiers to bestowe some competent yearly stypend upon one Richard Langton, that hathe bene maymed in her Majesty's service, for his mayntenance.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A passport.

A passe for John Vas Alcoferado, a Portingall, to goe from hence to the Hague in Holland without trouble or interrupcion of any of her Majesty's publick officers, &c.

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The Warden
of the East
Marches.

A letter to John Carey, esquire, Governour of Barwicke for the tyme beinge. Whereas Sir Robert Carey, knight, ys sent downe thether to take his chardge, beinge appointed to have the government of the Easte Marches as Warden of the same, wee have thought good to signifie thus moche unto you, and withall to let you understand her Majesty's pleasure that you shall from tyme to tyme assyst him with the horsse bands of that garryson or so manie of them as he maie have occacion to use, and lykewyse at the daies of truce and meetinges with soch numbers of the foote as he shall require of you for his better strength and saveguard. Wherein prayinge you to take order accordingly, we bid, &c.

A letter of
recommendation.

A letter to the Erle of Ormonde, Lord Generall of her Majesty's forces for this present in the realme of Ireland. Whereas John Morgan, gentleman, hath bene earnestlie recommended unto us from Sir William Russell, knight, then Lord Deputie, and the rest of the Councell there, and from the late Lord Deputy and others in place of gover[n]ment in that realme for the good service he hath don there, where he hath spent many yeres in followinge of the warres and hathe had sondry imployments. For as moche as wee have receaved so good testymonie of his good behavior and services, and doe wish that men of desert and service might be preferred before anie others, bothe for the encouragement of them and others that bestowe theire tyme in her Majesty's service, wee have bene moved for thes respects and the good opynion wee hold of the gentleman earnestlie to recommend him to your Lordship's favour, to be thought uppon for the next place that shall happen to fall voide by decease or removinge of any capten or soche other companie that your Lordship maie bestowe upon him. So, &c.

A letter to Mr. Dr. Cæsar and Dr. Herbert. Whereas Mr. Beale, one of the Clerkes of the Councell, hath taken the paines to conceive and sett downe in wryting a discourse concerninge the Hans Townes, wherein yt is supposed that he hath bestowed his travell to very good purpose and for the service of her Majestie and the State, though the same be written with very good judgment and knowledg, Mr. Beale being a man of speciall experience and exercyse in those causes, yet her Majesty being desirous that such a matter to be published should be so advisedly considered of before yt go forthe as that yt may be free from all excepcion and found in every poynt justefyable both in lawe and in the course of procedinges in affayres of State, hath thought meet that the discourse aforesaid shalbe perused and dilligently considered of upon conference of you two, the Masters of the Requestes, with Mr. Beale, taking unto you Mr. Dr. Parkins, Mr. Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Dr. Dunn, to the end that upon your conference and opinion thereof delivered her Majesty may be pleased to resolve to give order that the discourse may be published. We do therefore p. 103. praie and require you to appoint some fytt tyme and place of meeting with Mr. Beale and to give notice thereof to Mr. Dr. Parkins, Mr. Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Dr. Dunn that they maie be present, and upon suche conference and communycacion togeather concerning the said discourse to delyver us your judgements upon the same, which we shall make known to her Majesty.

Mr. Beale's
"discourse"
on the Hanse
Towns.

8th December:

Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Admyrall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Maiour of Southampton. Upon the receipt of your letters of the vth of this monneth wherein you do complaine that you are overburthened to beare the chardges

Spanish and
Portuguese
prisoners at
Southampton.

of certaine Portugalles and Spaniardes, to the number of 38, brought into that porte by capten Gresham and capten Morgan in two prizes, wee have dealt with the said capten Gresham, whose answere to us seemeth very reasonable, that considering you of that towne have bought the one half of the goodes and commodyties in his prize you ought therfore to be at the chardge to maintaine the one half of those prisoners, as he for his parte is contented to do for the other half, which offer of his wee thincke very mete and indifferent. And therfore the matter standing so, we mervell that you would trouble us with so many letters in that cause, and do require you to take order for defraying of the chardges of the one half of the prisoners as capten Gresham will do for his parte, and where there are two or thre amongst them that are experienced seamen whom the said Gresham meaneth to use in some further occasion, you may permitt him to have them, and for the rest you may send them away or otherwyse dispose of them as you shall thincke fytt.

We have sent for capten Morgan lykewyse, with whom we meane to take order for the Spaniardes he brought in.

Refusals to
contribute to
the Loan.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Yorke and the rest of the Counsell there. Whereas wee gave dyreccion to the Collectour for the Loane in the county of Yorke in August last that soche persons in the said county as had not paid the Loane money according to the Privie Seals which they had received for that purpose should be forborne for the payment of those somes appointed to be lent by them untill the middest of November followinge, sence (*sic*) which tyme as I, the Lord Threasorer, ys (*sic*) advertized from the Collector of the Loane in that county, divers of those that ar behinde in payinge theis sommes appointed to them doe refuze now altogether to paie the same, thoughe they have bin called uppon and warned to provide the same, pretendinge they should altogether be discharged from lending

anie money. Wee have therefore thought good to require your Lordship to cause notice to be given to those that have received Privie Seales for the Loane and have not paid the same to the Collectours that they do provide to make present payment of the same to the Collectours for that county of Yorkshir, as by our former dyreccions they were required, and for soche of them as shall refuze so to performe the same after notice given them, to cause good bonds to be taken of them to her Majesty's use to make their repair to the Court to answeare this their contemptuous dealings before us. Wherein prayinge your Lordship to take order accordingly, &c.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Edmunds, Agent for her Majesty p. 104
with the Frenche Kinge. Wee send you herewithall a Justice denied
petition that hathe bin exhibited unto us by Richard Kelley, in France.
merchant of the West Country, in a cause dependinge there
before the King's Privie Counsell concerninge a lycense of
allam discharged of all manner of imposts graunted by the
Kinge to Ottowell Smith, and after Kelley had bought and
disbursed a good somme of money for the same the
lycense, as he informeth us, was graunted by the Kinge
to the Provost and Eschivins of the citty of Paris and
the formor graunt revocked. Because Mounsieur de Messe,
the King's Ambassador, ys here at this presente, beinge
of the King's Privie Counsell, who ys acquainted with
the matter, wee have recomended the same unto him
to further the suppliant to some speedie ende in this
cause that hathe depended, as Kelley doth informe us, a
longe tyme before the Counsell there, to his great charge
and hinderance. And in like manner wee have thought
good to addresse his complaint unto you, requiringe you
to recomend the same (as you maie have occacion) to the
Kinge or to his Counsell, before whome the cause dependeth,
that the suppliants (*sic*) maie have some speedie ende in
the same with that regard of equity as his cause dothe
seeme to deserve. So leavinge him and his cause to your
care and furtherance, wee bid you, &c.

Sunday. At the Court at Whitehall, 11th of December, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archbishopp.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Northe.	the Exchequer.

The privileges
claimed by
Coventry.

A letter to Mr. Sergeant Drew and Mr. Attorney Generall, or to either of them. Whereas the Maior and Aldermen of the cyttie of Coventry havinge receaved order from the Commyssioners for the Musters in the countie of Warwicke for contribucion in certaine services for her Majestie imposed uppon them did clayme certaine priviledges by theire charter, whereby they pretend they cannot performe those demaunds whereunto they were required without breach of theire charter, and before we meant to take anie course therein wee thought good to appoint them to bringe theire charter hether, that yt might be viewed and considered of. Wee have therefore thought good to addresse them unto you, and do praie and require you to consider of the same and theire request, and thereuppon to certifie unto us what you thincke meete to be done herein. So, &c.

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The pay of
the soldiers
at Plymouth.

A letter to the Maior of the towne of Plymouthe. You shall understand that her Majestie hath sent downe so moche money to Plymouth as will serve to paie the souldiers that are placed there and in the other garrysons untill the eighteenth of January next, after the rate of twenty pounds, three shillings and fower pence weekly to every companie, out of which somme every officer shall have his full paie and every private souldier three shillings, fower pence by the weeke, and against that tyme there shalbe order taken for a newe supplie to be sent thether to serve for a further tyme, and so from tyme to tyme duringe theire aboade there. Nevertheles yf yt shall fall out thorrowe extraordynarie occacion or by want of fytt meanes to conveighe the treasor thether that the

foresaid supplies shall not come just at the xvijth daie of Januarie next or expiracion of the tyme for which yt ys appointed, then wee require you to fynde the meanes to paye weekelie to every bande the somme of twentie pounds iij^s iiij^d. untill her Majesty's treasor shall arryve there, out of which soche sommes as shall in the meane season be laied forth by you shalbe presentlie answered, wherein you must have care there be payment made for no more souldiers then are there in number, allowinge the dead payes. So, &c.

The lyke letters were wrytten to the Maiors of Dartmouth and Fawlmouth.

A warraunt to all publicke officers to whome yt should appertaine. Whereas there ys a certaine proporcion of treasour to be conveighed to Plymouth and other places in the West Partes by the servaunts of Ury Babington and Robert Bromley, merchaunts of London, towards the payment of garryson and forces which are there at this present, these shalbe to will and require you not only to see the bearers hereof provided from place to place of good and hable horsses for the carryinge of the said treasor by convenient journeyes from London into the West Partes, where her Majesty's said forces doe remayne, at the chardges of the bearers at pryzes reasonable and accustomed in her Majesty's services, but also to see the said treasour conducted as need shall require from place to place with some numbers of men for the better savegard thereof. Whereof faule (*sic*) you not to performe your duties herein with all expedicion, as you will answer to the contrary at your uttermost perills.

Treasure for
the West.

A letter to Sir Thomas Sherley, the yonger, and capetaine p. 106.
Georg Carew. Whereas you have the charge of those two companies that are placed nere to Dartmouth and the meanes cannot easely be founde to have them paid there weekely intertainment by anie person in that towne, and to sende the same thether from tyme to tyme by one sent for that purpose would be a great charge to her

Majesty, besides the dainger and perills whereby you should if the same incurr hazard be allwaies disapointed, wee have therefore thought good to require you that you will send over every fortnight or three weeks some five or six souldiers of eche companie with a sergeant or other officer of the bands whome you shall make choice of unto Plymouth, to whome the Maiour or a deputy of William Merydeth, the Paymaster, uppon your letters and acquittance acknowledginge the receipt of the same shall cause the intertainment of a fortnight or three weeks to be delivered from tyme to tyme for your selves, officers and souldiers, by whome the same maie safely be conveyed unto you, and the travyle ys no greate laboure to them, lyinge there idly onely in their quarter. And you maie at those tymes you have occacion to sende still chainge the men that shalbe sent, so as you make choice of soche as ar honest and discreete and that will have regarde to carry themselves in good sorte, by which meanes in goinge and coastinge to and froe your intertainment shall henceforthe be duly paid unto you according to the nomber of souldiers you shall have in your severall bands, whereof uppon your creditts you shall at soche tymes as you send for the money sende a trew list to the deputy of the foresaid Paymaster. Therein requiring you to take order accordingly, &c.

The lyke letter to capetaine Benjamin Berry and capetaine John Jeffson, who have also the charge of other two companies that are remaininge at Falmouth.

Escaped
prisoners.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publicke officers to whome yt may appertaine to be aydinge and assistinge unto the bearers for the aprehencion of William Bayan and Richard Church, two prisoners that escaped out of the goale at Worcester.

Scarcity in
Suffolk.

A warrant to the Justices of Peace in the county of Norffolke and other officers whom yt may concerne requiring them to permytt the inhabitantes of Alboroughe in Suffolke to buy the quantyties of an hundreth quarters of

wheat, 200 quarters of ry and 150 quarters of barley in that county of Norffolke in the inland partes for the provision of the said towne of Alborough, standing in very great want thereof, as is testefied to their Lordships by some of the Justices of the county of Suffolke.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Stafford requiring them to give allowance according to the statute to one Edward Saunt, a poore souldier maymed in the late warres.

Relief for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Maiour of Dartmouthe, the Vice-Admirall there and Mr. George Carey of Cockington. Whereas we do understand by letters from you, the Maiour of Dartmouthe, to me, the Lord Admyrall, that you have caused two small fliboates of Flushing laden with wheate, ry and barley, and one other small barke of the same place laden with wheate and fishe, as they do pretend, for Bryttany and Bayon, and another flyboate of Emden of the burthen of 120 tonnes, laden with wheate and barley, to be staid there in regard of the great dearth and scarsety in those partes, where all manner of grayne doth beare a greater price then in anie parte of France, and therefore yt is lykelie that from those partes in France to which theise shippes pretend they are bound the said corne is to be conveyed into Spaine. Her Majesty, as other Princes have alwaies used to do in lyke cases, doth thincke meet that the corne shalbe solde with the privity of the owners or their factors for the use of the inhabytantes of those partes at suche prices as wheate, ry and barley do beare in the markettes thereaboutes, wherby the merchantes and owners shall have no cause to fynde themselves agreived, being at greater rates then the same will yelde in any parte of France. Wherein we do earnestly require you, that there be great care had in the unlading of the corne that there be no imbessyling of the same or anie other goodes, but that the same maie be don with the privity of the owners, factours or such as have chardge thereof, and that they may see there is care

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Detained corn
to be sold in
the West.

had they shalbe allowed for the same in ready money suche prices as the like corne doth yeld in those partes and at the best rates according to the goodnes of the same. And yf anie other shippes laden with corne shall arrive in those partes wee praie you to cause them likewise to be staied and to advertyse us thereof.

Treasure for
Ireland.

A letter to Sir Hughe Cholmley, Collectour of the Loane money in the county of Chester. Whereas by your late letter to me, the Lord Treasurer of England, you did signify to me that you had in your hands the somme of xiiij^clx^{li} of the Loane money which you had then already received and that you desire to paie the same in the contrey for the service of Ireland. Because there is at this tyme some treasure sent thether by Richard Crosse, servant to Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Treasurer at Warres there, these shalbe to require you to paie unto him or suche of the servantes of the said Sir Henry Wallop as have chardge to conveighe the aforesaid treasure thether at his or their expence to Chester aswell the aforesaid somme as also such further somme as is sithence come to your handes of the Loane money, taking acquittance of him or them acknowledging the receipt of the same, the which with theis our letters shalbe a sufficient dischargd to you for payment of the same in suche sorte. Therefore praying you to certefy unto me, the Lord Treasurer, the sommes that you have received and paid over to the said Richard Crosse, we bid you farewell.

Contrary
winds and
additional
victuals.

A letter to the Lord Highe Treasurer of England. Whereas in Julie last there was the nomber of seaven hundreth souldiers sent from the porte of London to St. Vallerie's in Picardie, at which tyme there was an estymate made by Mr. Burrough, Comptroller of the Navy, what the chardge would amount unto for the hyringe of fower hoyes and one shipp, with the victuells and other necessarie chardges incydent to the transportation of the foresaid men, which came to the somme of five hundreth forty and five poundes, eight shillinges

and eight pence, the proporcion of victuells beinge provided for fowerteen daies, which somme was paied at that tyme by warraunt from us and your Lordship according to her Majesty's Privie Seale before the departure of the said shippes. And as yt doth appere by a note under the hand of the said Mr. Burroughe a further proporcion of victuells was also provided at the said tyme for the victuellinge of the foresaid souldiers for the space of seaven daies more, yf neede should require, after the rate of eight pence *per diem* for every man, which doth amount unto the somme of one hundreth threescore and three poundes, six shillings and eight pence, which was delyvered aparte to be kept by the master of eache hoye, for which the masters did indent and covenante that yf yt werè spared they should be accomptable and delyver yt backe againe. For as moche as yt fell out that they were detayned by contrary wyndes till the tyme that their xiiij^{ten} daies' victuells were nere expired and the victuells all moste spent, whereby they were constrained to use the said provicion of seaven daies' victuells over and above the first proporcion for xiiij^{ten} daies, these shalbe therefore to praie your good Lordship by vertue of the foresaid Privy Seale graunted by her Majestie for the defrayinge of the chardges of the victuellinge and transportinge of the foresaid 700 men according to soch allowaunce as shalbe sett downe by anie fower or more of us of her Majesty's Privy Councell, whereof your Lordship to be one, to cause the foresaid somme of 163^{li} 6^s and 8^d. to be paied to Roger Langford, Paymaster of the Navie, for this over-plus of victuells, wherein this shalbe sufficient warraunt to your good Lordship. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir Frauncis Godolphin, knight. Wee perceave by your late letter the order you have taken out of the Loane money to paie the souldiers at Fawlmouth, which course wee praie you to continewe untill soche treasurer shall arryve there as ys sent downe expressly for that purpose, accordinge to the rates wee lately sent

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unto you after three shillings fower pence the weeke for every souldier, allowinge onlie tenn dead paies in every band of 100. Where wee doe also understande that divers persons of the best habillytie in that countie of Cornwall, to the number of 30, doe refuse or delaie to paie those sommes demaunded of them by her Majesty's Privy Seales, you shall by vertue hereof require them without further excuse to make present payment of those severall sommes appointed to be leant by them, wherein yf anie of them shall shewe any backwardnes or delaye, you shall cause good bond to be taken of them to her Majesty's use to make their present repaire hether to answer their undutifull manner of proceedinge before us. There ys an other greate somme of 2,000^{li}. and some thinge more which you should longe sythence have paid into her Majesty's Exchequer of the Receipt of Cornwall, which you have not as yet performed, whereof wee have thought good to warne you to have better care the same presentlie maie be sent upp. And this sufficinge for answer to your letter you shall at the commynge downe of soch money as ys sent thether at this present to paie the souldiers understand further from us by soche persons as Mr. Meredith, the Payemaster, doth send thether to paie the souldiers. So wee bid, &c.

The condition
of Ireland.

A letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland, the Erle of Ormond and the rest of the Councell. We can hardlie expres the great greif wee have whilst wee have had contynuall thoughtes of that realme, of which wee have not had any comfortable reporte this long tyme paste, but especially at this tyme we are greived to perceive that notwithstanding her Majesty's directions given thither this last monneth of November both to you, the Erle of Ormond, to be the Lieutennant Gennerall of all the armie, and to you, the Lord Chancellor and other Counsellors, for the choice of two Justices to take the care of the civill government untill her Majesty should otherwyse determyne, yet the same comission being sent thether

under the Great Seale of England to you, the Earle of Ormond, by one Clynton, a servant of the late Lord Deputy, the second of November, being nowe five weekes past, wherby we did make accompt that your Lordship and the Councell would presently take in hand the government of the state aswell martially as civilly. But at this tyme having had no knowledge either of your entrey into that chardge or in what sorte your Lordship purposed to staie that broken realme during this wynter tyme, untill her Majesty might speedely give suche advise and succor unto you as should be by your advertysementes hether given thought meet and necessary, but yet this ignorance from you hathe not caused in her Majesty and us any negligence of care for that which we suppose you should have most nede of, and that is of treasure and some renforcement of some nombers to supply your defectes in that army.

For which purpose presently there is delivered unto the deputies of you, the Treasurer, here at London xii^m *li*. and we make accompt that they shall have delivered to them at Chester two thousand pounds or more. And for supply of some men as the wynter can serve there are about 900 men, disciplined souldiers that have served in Picardy, sent thither by long seas, who are directed to land at Waterford, because we cannott fynd shippes to conduct them throughe St. George's Channell to Dublin. Howe this money and men shalbe there ymployed, being ignorant howe the matters do passe there, we are forced to leave the disposicion of this treasure to your discretion, althoughe in very truthe yt hathe ben intended to be sent thether, and so we wishe yt might be, to contynue the lendinges to the souldiers according to the ordonances sent thether this last sommer, which we understand certainly the late Lord Deputy intended to execute yf he had lyved but a shorte tyme after. And herein also you shall understand that care hathe ben taken according to the said ordonances to send thether a great proporcion of

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clothing, and
men to be
sent.

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apparrell fitt to releive the army and to supply their full paies, but herein have we bene kept a long tyme to knowe certainly what nomber of men are in chardge to be paid by her Majesty, you, the Treasurer, by your late wryting advertysing that you could not at that tyme, being the 8th day of October last, advertyse the state of the army for want of due certyificates unto you of the cheques by the Commyssaries, neither could you then certefy what defalcacions were to be made for the munycion or vyctualles delivered to the army, whereof, besides the quantity of vyctuals there provided in Ireland with great sommes of money delivered to the Vyctualler there, there hathe ben sent thether by sea this late sommer somuche as hathe ben to the chardg of her Majesty of above 20,000 ^{l.}, namely in grayne, butter and cheese, and yet to this houre no accompt hathe ben sent hether howe the same hathe ben expended nor what is answerable to her Majesty by way of defalcacion.

Muster-books
and accounts
still wanting.

And to make an heape of uncertaintyes there is a letter lately comen to me, the Lord Treasurer, from Sir Ralf Lane, bearing date the viijth day of November, wherby he excuseth himself that by reason of the absence of Maurice Kiffin and none coming from him he hath not ben able to make perfect or to send the bookes of the half yeare's chardg and cheques nor the state of the army. Theis lackes and wantes for our information are (you may be assured) greivous unto us, and yet wee comforte our selves with daily expectacions from you of your ample declaracion of all your doinges since the receipt of your authorityes, ymagining the lacke thereof to have growne by contrariety of the wyndes, which have ben commonly for the most parte Easterly, and therby your expedicions, as we thinke, have not bene neglected but retarded to be sent by suche contrariety of wyndes, which is out of the power of man and therefore to be indured at Goode's (*sic*) will, making full accompt that assoone as the wyndes may be changed in favour of your passages hether wee shalbe better satisfied

then at this tyme we are of the actions of the rebell Erle and the rebells in Leynster and the dangers to Knockfergus. We cannot be voyde of care, and therfore hope to heare som particuler advyses from you of those actions.

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Lord Keeper. Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Treasurer. Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall. Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Mr. Recorder of London, Mr. Topcliffe, Nicholas Fuller, William Gerrard and Mr. Altham. Torture for suspected murderers.

Whereas the body of Richard Anger, a double reader of Graye's Inne, was found on Tuesday last floating on the Thames, he having ben myssed almost a monneth, because upon veiwe of the body by certaine skillfull chirurgeons yt is not thought he was drowned in the water but styfled or murthered and after throwne into the Thames, which by other conjectures is greatlie to be also suspected, and there are great presumpcions against one of his sonnes, called Richard Anger, and Edward Ingram, porter of Graye's Inn, to be the comitters of that foule murther. Forasmuch as the facte is so horrible that an auneyent gentleman should be murthered in his chamber yt is thought meet that the manner of this fowle murther should be by all meanes found out, and therfore wee have thought good to require you to examyne the porter of Graye's Inne and Richard Anger, the sonne, more stryctly upon suche articles as you shall thincke meet upon former examynacions and other circumstances to be propounded unto them. And yf by those persuasions and other meanes you shall use you shall not be able to bring them to confesse the truthe of this horrible facte, then we require you to put them both or either of them to the manacles in Bridewell, that by compulsory meanes the truthe of this wicked murther may be discovered and who were complices and privy to this confederacy and fact.

Clipping the
Queen's coin.

A letter to Sir Richard Martin, knight, Warden of the Mint. Whereas by your dilligence and inquirie yt ys dyscovered that one Richarde Remchin, a gentleman, hath used a longe tyme the clippinge of her Majesty's quoyne and all manner of peces of gold, and uppon searche there hath bene fownde in a howse of his in Fetter Lane a great quantity of clippinges and quoyne clipped, these shalbe to require you to cause the said Remchin to be commytted to Newegate untill he shalbe brought to his tryall, and to cause all the goods now in his howse to be inventoried and carried to your office in the Tower, where the same maie remaine in safe custodie untill he shalbe convicted, and then to be converted to her Majesty's use. So, &c.

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Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, the 18 of December, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archebishopp.	Lord North.
Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Chauncellour.

* This daie John Puleston

This letter was only signed by the

Lord Archbishopp.	Lord Chamberlen.
Lord Keper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.

Unpaid
ship-money
in Norfolk.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of Norwich and the Lorde Cromwell, Mr. Justice Gawdey, Sir Willyam Paston, knight, and Humfrey Gibbon, esquire, Justices of the Peace in the county of Northffolk, to whome yt should appertein.

* A blank space is left after this unfinished entry.

Wee have of late ben earnestlie sollycited by the inhabitaunts of Lynn Regis and of Yarmouth in a matter wherein wee have so often heretofore wrytten and in soch earnest sorte as wee cannot take yt in good parte to fynd our letters so notablie neglected and our directions contempned, and yet wee knowe not whome to blame. The matter ys concernynge the contrybucion which wee required of the countrie, to the somme of seaven hundreth poundes, towards the chardges of two shippes of warr that were sett forth by those porte townes in the Voyage of Cales, which stode them in 3,000^l, and thoughe parte of the money be (as they informe us) collected, yet neither ys that paied unto them nor any course at all taken in some divicions to collect the same, which cannot be but a willfull purpose of some of the Justices to withstand our orders. Therefore as heretofore wee directed our letters unto you (as wee did the lyke to other counties), so nowe wee have cause not onlie to repeate more earnestlie our former direction, but in regarde of the preservacion of the aucthorytie of this Borde to require you (without respect of anie person), yf you shall fynd any of the Justices in their divicions or other persons whatsoever whome yt doth or maie conserne to delaie the execucion of thes orders you shall take for the collection and payement of the foresaid somme, that you cause good bonds to be taken of them to her Majesty's use to answeare their proceedings in that contemptuous manner before us. So referringe you to our former directions, which wee require you without delay to see dylie executed, wee bid, &c.

A letter to the Maior of Dartmouth and the Vice-Admyrall there, and to George Carey of Cockington, esquire. Whereas a shipp of Emden was staied in that porte called the Fortune, beinge laden with a good quantitie of wheate, and direction was given unto you in regard of the dearth and scarcetie of the same in those partes to take order the corne might be sold withe the privytie of

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The sale of
the foreign
grain cargo.

the proprietaries or soche as have chardg of the same at soche rates as lyke graine ys sold in the marketts there. For as moche as humble suite hathe ben made unto us by the master of the shipp that the corne maie be sold either at Dartmouth, Exetor or Plymouth, where moste maie be made of the same to the best advantage of the owenors, the request beinge reasonable wee have thought good to require you to have speciall regarde that the foresaid corne maie be sold with the pryvity of the master of the shipp and of Symon Kirckham, appointed by them to have care to the sale of those goodes, and to see the same to be solde in any of the foresaid places to the best advantage of the proprietaryes, and the money made of the same accordinge to their desire to be made over by exchange. Wherein wee doe require they maie be used with all favor.

A petition
from
Rochelle.

A letter to Sir Henrie Killigrewe, knight, and William Waad, esquire, Clerke of the Councell. Whereas the towne of Rochell did this last sommer send hether certaine prysoners to her Majestie, and withall there came an agent with them from the said towne to sollycite a suite which ys followed in the name of certaine Companies in London against the said towne for a somme of money which was lent longe sithence to the said towne at soche tyme as they were greatlie dystressed. For as moche as this cause ys earnestlie recommended unto her Majestie as well by the towne of Rochell as by the Reformed Churches, whoe pretend that this money came of a charytable contrybucion from the cyttie to releve them in their neede and that nowe the suite ys prosecuted against them very earnestlie, by her Majesty's commaundement wee did call some of the Aldermen and merchants of the cytty of London before us that are acquainted with this matter, and did deale with them in regarde of the good zeale and affection the said towne had from tyme to tyme shewed to our said merchaunts which trade thether, and for her Majesty's satisfaccion, that they would come

to some freindly order and composicion with the Frenchman that ys sent hether about the matter. But in respect that the Frenchman was absent at that instant wee could not as then proceede in the cause to take any order in the same, and therefore wee have thought good to referr this cause unto you, and doe require you to take some convenyent tyme to call before you the merchaunts of the cytty that are interessed in this cause and some of the comyttees that have dealt in the same, givinge also notice thereof to the said Frenchman that he may likewyse repaire unto you to declare what he shalbe able to say for the behalfe of that towne, and when you have heard the allegacions on bothe sides to doe your best indevors to drawe them to some freindlie ende and composicion, which wee doubt not but the Companies will shewe them selves comformable to yeeld to some friendly agreement, consideringe howe acceptable yt wilbe taken at her Majesty's hands that favor and curtesie maie be shewed to the said towne of Rochell, beinge at this present the cheefest towne professinge religion in that realme whereunto our merchants have fre and freindly accesse. And yf you cannot drawe them to a frendly composicion, then to certyfy unto us your procedinges in the cause and the offers of eache partie, and upon what dyfficulties they do stand.

A letter to the Lordes Justices and Councell of the realme of Ireland that whereas her Majesty having granted heretofore to Barnaby Riche in recompence of his service a pencion of *ij^s. vj^d. per diem* to be paid out of her Highnes' revenue, the same of late hathe ben kept from him by direction of restraint from their Lordships that none should receive pencions but suche as personally did serve there. In regard the service of the gentleman is used here and that the said pencion was first graunted without cheque, they were required to pay the same unto him with the arrerages according to the letters patentes.

A pension
on the Irish
establishment.

Escape of an
imprisoned
debtor.

A letter to the Councell at Barwicke. Complaint hathe ben made unto us by Sir William Reade, knight, that whereas one James Parker, sometye vycualler to the company of the said Sir William in Barwicke, was lately arrested at his sute there for a debt of cxvj^{li}. and being committed to the custody of William Bredyman, Provost Marshall to the Governour there, to remayne with him till the debt were satisfied, the said Bredyman hathe suffered him to escape away without Sir William's consent and hathe security of Parker's freindes for his owne indempnity. In regard the gentleman by this meanes may be in danger to loose his debt for the which in equity the said Bredyman ought to be answerable, wee have thought good to praie you to have consideration of his petycion, and upon examynacion of the matter to take that order before you in your Councell Chamber for satisfaction of the gentleman which in justice ought to be shewed unto him, that he may have no further cause to complayne.

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The
Admiralty
Court and
contraband
of war.

A letter to Dr. Harbert, Dr. Cæsar and Dr. Parkins. Wee have bene troubled greatly of late with the contynuall complaint of the Alderman of the Stillyard touching three shippes taken lately on the seas by the Lord Thomas Howard, Marmaduke Darrell and others that had chardge of her Majesty's shippes in the late Voyage, namely the Parratt, the Bull and the Spruse Maiden, wherein you, the Judge of the Admiralty, have taken already some paynes and have make report unto us of your procedinges. But because the matter as yet hathe not bene so thoroughly examyned, neither is your reporte so cleere as wee can give any certayne dyrection in the same, and yet wee are still ymportuned for our determynation for the goodes in those shippes by those that followe the cause, wee have thought good therefore to require you that you will without delay meet togeather at the Doctors' Commons, and call unto you the Alderman of the Stillyard or those that followe the cause in the behalf of the proprietaries, and examyne particulerly the state of all the severall kyndes of goodes wherewith the

aforesaid shippes were [laden], and to what portes they were to dyrect their course, and therupon to retorne a perfect and clere certyficat unto us what you fynde upon due proof, and of your opynions what part of the goods and lading ought to be delivered unto them, and what sortes are prohibited and to be taken as good prize, and what other kyndes unmete to be transported out of the realme that the enemy may anie way have use of them. Wherein we expect from you a partycular and certaine reporte in suche sort as upon the same wee may give certaine and present dyrection for the delivery of those ships and goodes that shalbe thought fytt to be delivered.

A letter to the Maiour of Dartmouthe, the Vice-Admyrall there and Mr. Carey of Cockington. Whereas about a weeke sithence we wrote unto you to make stay of two ships called the Jonas and the Flyinge Harte of Vlishing, laden with ry, barley and pease, and to see the same might be sold for the nedefull releife of the inhabytantes of the contrey thereaboutes, standing in great necessity thereof. Because we are sithence informed by the Frenche Ambassador that the said provision of grayne was to be transported to some parte of Brittany whether the King is shortly to repaire with his army, wee have ben moved to signyfy so muche unto you, and do by vertue hereof require you, notwithstanding our former letters, to permitt the said two shippes called the Jonas and the Flyinge Harte with their lading and freight to passe on their voyage to suche partes of Brittany as they are bound for, without lett or interrupcion.

Grain ships
to be released

A letter to the Highe Sheriffe and Commissioners for the Musters in the county of Lancaster requiring them to admytt Richard Brerton of Worsley, esquire, to be joyned with them as a Commissioner for those causes within the said county of Lancaster.

The Musters
in Lancashire

A warraunt to the Treasurer of the Chamber to paie to Paule Ive[y] for his postage, diett and other necessaryes, beinge sent downe to Faulmouth to take the plott of the fortificacions there, the somme of xvij^{li}.

The
fortification
of Falmouth.

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xx^o *Decembris*, 1597.Appearances
before the
Council.

This present daie Nicholas Martin, senior, William Beavoire and John Effart, Jurats of the Isle of Guernsey, and John Fawtras of the said Isle, beinge for some causes concernynge her Majestie bounde by the Governour of that Isle to make their appearances before the Lords of the Councell entered accordingly their said appearances, and were notwithstandinge enjoyned to give their daily attendances on their Lordships, and not to departe till speciall lycence were graunted them, which appearances of theirs ys for the indempnity of their bonds entred into this Register Booke of Counsell.

21^o *Decembris*, 1597.

For the selfe same cause Eleazer Le Marchant of the said Isle this present daie entred his apparaunce, and was enjoyned to give his daily attendance as the others before mencioned.

Dated 22^o *Decembris*. Signed by the

Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord North.

Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

A passport.

A passe for Don Scipion Figeredo Vas Consellios, with 3 other Portingalls in his compaignie, to passe from hence into France.

Slackness in
Devon.

A letter to the Earle of Bath. Richard Champernowne, esquire, being collonell of the horse in the county of Devon under your Lordship's Lieutenancy, hathe sent unto us the names of certaine gentlemen and other persons of habilyty in that county that are appointed to finde horses for the service of her Majesty and the contrey, and the same being veiwed (as he doth informe us) by your Lordship have ben found very defective and insufficient, and thoughe the parties have had warning to provide better

and more serviceable horses and furnytüre they will not reforme the same. Because your Lordship is her Majestye's Lieutennant in that county wee have thought good to send the note we received from Mr. Champernowne unto your Lordship, and to praie your Lordship to send for the parties and either to take order they do presently amend their defaultes, or that you cause bond to be taken of them to make their apperance before us to answeare this their contemptuous and backward behaviour in those thinges that concerne her Majesty's service. Which matter referring to your Lordship's consideration, wee bid you farewell.

Postscript. You shall forbear to deale with any of those that are under the Warden of the Stannery, because he hath already dyrection in that behalf.

This warrant bare date the viijth day of November,
though yt were signed this day.

A warrant to William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Contryes, &c. Whereas there are 1,000 souldiers which were drawne this last sommer out of the severall bandes serving her Majesty in the Lowe Contryes and employed under our very good Lord the Earl of Essex at the seas, being lately retorned from that Voyage, are by her Majesty's speciall dyrection distributed into ten bandes under captens and officers and placed in dyvers townes in the Westernne Partes of this realme according to the lyst following, it is ordered by vertue of a Privie Seale dated the vijth day of this monneth that payment be made out of the receipt of her Majesty's Exchequer for their monethly intertaynment synce their arryvall, and to contynue during her Majesty's pleasure, according to the rate expressed in this scedule. And because the numbers are but small and there is no cause of their long contynuance (her Majesty being not disposed to contynue any newe officer for this service) it is thought

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England.

meete that suche sommes of money as are or shalbe due for their monethly entertaynment shalbe paid to the hands of William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contries, whom wee have appointed to take the chardge of those ten bandes and to have for his owne entertaynment for himself and for two clerkes ten shillinges *per diem*, to contynue during her Majesty's pleasure.

A list of the ten bandes.

Sir Charles Percy	-	-	-	-	100	} 200	} 1,000.
Capten John Sidney	-	-	-	-	100		
Capten Josyas Bodley	-	-	-	-	100	100	
Sir Thomas Sherley	-	-	-	-	100	} 200	
Capten George Carey	-	-	-	-	100		
Capten Randall Brett	-	-	-	-	100	} 300	
Capten Foulke Conwey	-	-	-	-	100		
Capten Augustyne Heathe	-	-	-	-	100		
Capten Benjamyn Berry	-	-	-	-	100	} 200	
Capten John Jefson	-	-	-	-	100		

Rates for the pay.

The pay of a band of 100 footemen *per diem*, viz.:—the captens *iiij^s*, lieutenant *ij^s*, ensigne *xij^d*, one serjeant *xij^d*, one dromme *xij^d*, a surgeon *xij^d*, *iiij^{xx}* x souldiers and x dead payes at *viiij^d* a man *per diem* *lxxvj^s viij^d*. In all *per diem* *lxxvj^s viij^d*, for a weeke *xxvj^{li} xvj^s 8^d*. and so for a monneth - - - - -

cvij^{li} vj^s viij^d

After which rate the pay of the aforesaid tenn bandes for a monneth amounteth unto the somme of - - -

mlxxiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

The monnethly entertaynment aforesaid shalbe paid in this manner, viz.: to every band of 100 heades *xx^{li} iiij^s iiij^d* weekly by waie of imprest since the tyme of their arryvall and to contynue during her Majesty's

pleasure, out of which somme every private souldier in respect of the present dearthe shall have iij^s. iiij^d. weekly, and the residue of their full pay shalbe paid them in apparell, armes or ready money, as order shalbe given for the same, which payment shall contynue untill there shalbe dyrection to the contrary. Dated at the Court at Whitehall, the 8th of November, 1597.

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England.

The distribucion of the weekly imprestes of xx ^{li} iij ^s iiij ^d .			
The capten	-	-	xxviij ^s .
Lieutennant	-	-	xiiij ^s .
Ensigne	-	-	vij ^s .
Sergeant	-	-	vij ^s .
Dromme	-	-	vij ^s .
Surgeon	-	-	vij ^s .
iiij ^x x souldiers and x dead			
payes at	iiij ^s .	iiij ^d .	a man
weekly	-	-	-

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A warrant to Wylliam Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contries, &c. Whereas those 1,000 souldiers which were drawne this last sommer out of the severall bandes serving her Majesty in the Lowe Contryes and ymploied under our verie good Lord the Earl of Essex at the seas, being lately returned hether, are by her Majesty's speciall dyrection distributed into ten bandes under capitaines and officers and appointed to ly in divers townes in the Westernne Partes of this realme. Considering the danger, chardge and trouble to send money to so many severall and remote places, wee have written our letters to the officers of the severall portes and townes wherein those x bandes do remayne that they should pay unto every band of 100 heades xx^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d. weekly since their arryvall, and to contynue payment thereof untill they shall have dyrection to the contrary, letting them understand that suche sommes of money as they shall dysburse

to those ten bandes after this rate shalbe repaid in London at your handes to suche as they shall appoint to receive the same, bringing with them the capitaines' or officers' acquittances acknowledging the receipt thereof. We do therefore hereby will and require you out of suche her Majesty's treasure as is or shall come to your handes to pay unto the officers or townsmen of any those townes or portes where those x bandes or any of them do remain all suche sommes of money as they have paid or shall pay to those x bandes or any of them in weekly imprestes after the aforesaid rate of xx^{li.} iij^{s.} iiij^{d.} weekly to every band since their arryvall, taking into your handes the capitaines' or their officers' acquittances testefying the receipt thereof, and to contynue this kynde of payment untill you shall have other dyrection in this behalf.

23^o Decembris.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This present daie Nicholas Carey of the Isle of Guernsey, gentleman, entered his apparaunce, and was notwithstandinge enjoyned to give his attendaunce and not to depart till lycence were graunted him by their Lordships.

24^o Decembris.

A case of
manslaughter.

An open letter to the Maiors, Bailyfes and other officers of the portes of Colechester, Harwich, Ipswich, Yarmouth and Lowstocke, &c., to apprehende and kepe in safe custodie one *—— Lucas, sonne to Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, whoe had lately slaine Sir William Brook, knight, brother to the Lord Cobham, if he should fortune to repair thether or to any other portes thereabouts with intent to conveigh him self out of the realme, and as well to give notyce thereof unto their Lordships of his apprehencion as to take a copie of this warrant of Thomas Michell, a Messenger of the Chamber that was appointed to ryde with the same to the officers of the foresaid severall portes.

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On Thursday the xxijth of December, 1597, in the
afternoon.

Theire Lordships did sytt in Counsell in the Lyttle
Councell Chamber, where was present the

Lord Treasurer.	Lord North.
Earl of Essex.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary.	

Tueisday. At the Courte at Whitehall, the 27th p. 119.
December, 1597.

Present :

Lord Keper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellour of th'Exchequer.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed
souldiers in the county of Northfolke to give some
competent and yerly stipend unto John Benet, a maymed
souldier that was borne at Bromhall in that county, to
releeve him in his distresse.

Relief for a
crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Lords Justices and rest of the Councell
in Ireland. For that wee have as yet heard nothings
what proceedinge hath bene in the busynes for the estate
of the late Lord Deputie, and at the instant suite of the
Lady Burghe, his wyfe, whoe desireth to be disburthened
as soone as might be of the great chardg of her servaunts
in attendinge the same there, wee are againe moved
hereby very earnestlie to praie your Lordships, &c., to
give your best countenances, aids and assystaunces to
the full and speedy execucion of our former letters and
dispatches sent from hence by us touchinge that busynes,
which (*sic*) Frauncis Michell and Guy Clinton, her Lady-
ship's servauntes, for the gatheringe together all the
goods of the late Lord Deputie, the sale of some of them

The claims
of the Crown
against Lord
Burgh's
estate.

and the safe conveying over of the rest into England to be seazed here for her Majestie to satisfie and make payment of all soch sommes of money as his Lordship died indebtted to her Majestie. And to the better inhabling the said lady to paie the Quene, and speciallie in respect of her lord and husband's excessive chardges through want of provicions of corne at his comynge into that realme, which enforced him the more to indebtt himself, wee require your Lordships and the rest to give your best aids and assystances that the tyth and lease corne and what pertaines to the parsonage of Donboyne with all expedicion and favour maie be delivered into the possession of thos gentlemen that in our former letters were authorized for the gatheringe of the Lord Deputie's goods, by them to be sold to the best advantage, and out of the money thereuppon made to paie the Queene's Victueller soch somes of money as by good prooffe shalbe found due from his Lordship for victuells at the tyme of his decease, in respect beinge delyvered out of her Majesty's Store yt ys a debtt apperteynyng to her Majestie and of no great somme. The rest of which money ys to be conveighed over into England with the rest of the goods towards the satisfying of her Majestie.

Lastlie, wee praie your Lordships and the rest that speciall order maie be taken that all soch parcells of plate as Alexander Westlake, steward of howshold to the late Lord Deputie, hath staied for a supposed debtt of clx^{li}. sterling due to him from the said Lord be safely redelyvered to the gentlemen authorized to receave the same and brought over with the rest of the goods, and the payment of the said Westlacke's debtt respited till his accounts maie be taken and examined by soch as the Lady Burghe hath or shall appoint to take the same, upon cleeringe whereof she wilbe ready to yeeld him his right.

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the French
Courts.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Edmondes, emploied for her Majesty's affaires with the Frenche Kinge. One Denis Rowse, merchaunt of Southampton, hath followed a complaint to

us in a matter wherein there hath bene a very hard course held against him by the Court of Parlyament at Reynes in Bryttanie, which matter havinge bene dylie examined by the Judge of the Admyralltie he therein hath certified unto us that yt appeereth as well by good testimonyalls as by the deposicions of divers wytnesses that the supliant, Denis Rowse, beinge owenor of a shipp called the Guyft of God of Southampton of the burthen of sixtie tonnes, which he bought of Henry Carpenter of that towne in the yeere 1595, sent the said shipp to the Newe Fownde Lande in the trad of fishinge, and from thence he sailed to St. Malloves to make sale of the fish he had taken, where the said shipp was arrested by Nicholas Tiphaney of Normandy, supposinge the same to be a shipp of his called the James of Breakalew that was taken at the sea in the yeere 1591 by certaine Englishmen and carried the same into Pensance in the county of Cornwall and there sold. Uppon which arrest Nicholas Rowse, sonne to the said Denis Rowse, travelled to St. Malloves with authentically testimonialls to prove that the said vessell was not the shipp of the said Tiphany's, but a Spanish pryz brought to Southampton by the said Henry Carpenter, beinge laden with ginger and suger, and for the more manifesting the truth thereof the said Rowse produced divers wytnesses to be sworne in Guernsey, Jarsey and St. Malloves, whoe all avowed and justefied that the said shipp called the James of Breakalewe belonging to the said Tiphaney was first solde by the procuratour of the said Tiphaney to John Mawden of Pensance in the yeere 1591, and after sold by him to Michellson of Plymouth and others, and that the said shipp remayned in Plymouth Roade 8 monethes after the shipp of the said Rowse was arrested in St. Malloves, as by the deposicions of the wytnesses maie appere. Upon which just proofes the Judg of St. Malloves did give sentence on the behalfe of Rowse for the redelyvery of that shipp

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Courts.

with costes and chardges, whereuppon Tiphaney appealed to Reynes in Bryttany, where the said sentence was reversed by the Judge of that Court against thes direct proofes, for redresse whereof the poore man hath of long tyme bene a suitor to her Majestie for some course to be taken to relieve him in this hard case.

Consideringe therefore the great injustice done unto this poore supliant, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall deale with the French Kinge in the behalfe of the said Rowse to lett him particulerly knowe howe hardly he ys used in so manyfest a matter, and therefore to require him that he wilbe pleased to commaund this matter to be reviewed, that the parties to (*sic*) whome the said pretended injustice hath bene done may be ordered to yeeld unto him his shipp and soch reasonable satisfaction for soche losses and wronges as he hath by them and by this meanes sustained as shalbe agreable to justice, which wee pray you by all good meanes to sollycit and procure, otherwyse upon denyall of justice of so notable wronge by the importunytie of the poore man interested therein her Majestie shalbe forced to thinck of some other course for his just satisfaction.

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Wed'nsday in the forenone. Att the Courte at
Whithall, the 28th of December, 1597.

Present :

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Thrasorer (<i>sic</i>).	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord North.	th'Exchequer.

County
burthens
in Suffolk.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace in the county of Suffoulk. Whereas wee received of late a letter from som of you, the Justices of the county of Suffolk, wherein amongst other things you do certefy us that the inhabitants of the towne of Lowestoft do finde themselves greived

that beinge charged with publique contrybucions for sea services they are also contynually burthened with all other occacions of charge with the inlande parts of the shire, and therefore they desired to be freed from the same. Forasmuche as you by your certifficate in the behalf of that towne do thincke yt reasonable that the said towne of Lowestoft should be exempted from contrybutinge with the county for the inlande services as other porte-townes are, savinge for the leavyinge of souldiers, trayninge of men and findinge of armour, wee have therefore thought good to referr this matter to you and the rest of the Justices of that county, who maie by you be made acquainted with this request, and thereuppon that order taken therein by you and them at your next meeteings togeather that shalbe by you all or the most parte of you thought convenient. So referringe the same unto you, wee bid you, &c.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Yorke and the rest of the Councell there. Wee have received your late letters and the examinacions of William Brownless and Francis Wadley, servants to the Lord Evre, that did assalt and hurt John Browne, the Recorder of Barwicke, which havinge bin redd before Browne he dothe produce wittnesses here that were present when the facte was committed to disprove their allegacions. Nevertheles because they have bin contynued in prison som season wee thincke meete they maie be delivered uppon good bonde with suerties to be of good behaviour and to make the said Browne soch sattisfaccion as either your Lordship and the Counsell there shall thincke convenient or by law shalbe ymposed uppon them, and to be forthecominge at anie tyme within 'so manie daies' warninge as you shall thincke meete. Wherein prayinge your Lordship to take present order accordingly, wee, &c.

The Recorder
of Berwick
assaulted.

Dated 27^o Decembris.

A letter to Mr. Herbert, Master of Requests, and Mr. Sollycitour Generall to heare and ende a cause betweene Thomas Beavoire and Peter Beavoire of the

A Guernsey
appeal.

Isle of Guernsey, uncle and tuitour to the said Thomas, uppon an appeale of a sentence given in that Isle, or els yf they could not compound yt to certyfy theire proceedings to their Lordships.

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The
maintenance
of weather-
bound troops.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Humble sute hathe ben made unto us by Richard Hill in the behalf of the townes of Pembroke and Haverford West to be satisfied of the somme of lxviij^{li.} vj^s viij^{d.} disbursed by them of late to releive certayne companies of souldiers under the leading of capten Covert and capten Cheston, which companyes being imbarqued at the porte of Barnstable and dyrected to be transported to the realme of Ireland were by contrariety of wynd and tempestes forced into those partes, where upon sight of a warrant shewed under our handes requiring all her Majesty's officers whatsoever to succor them in suche occasyon of distres the Mayours of the said townes in very dutyfull sorte vyctualled the said companies for certayne dayes, aswell while they remayned there as to serve them to go forward in their voyage. This hathe bene testefyd not only by letters from some of the Justices inhabyting thereaboutes to your Lordship and by the Maiour that disbursed the same, but the capitaines have also affirmed the receipt of suche provysions to succor them. In regard the said Hill hathe a good while followed the sute here for payment of that somme of money and the aforesaid Justices did undertake the repayment thereof to those townes, to be made to suche as they should appoint to receave the same here, which was disbursed upon the sight of our warrant, wee do praie your good Lordship that you wilbe pleased out of suche money as was by her Majesty's Privy Seale assigned to defray the chardges of the transportacion of those souldyors to pay unto the aforesaid Richard Hill the said somme of lxviij^{li.} vj^s viij^{d.} so disbursed by the aforesaid townes, wherein theis shalbe sufficient warrant to your Lordship, &c.

A warrant unto Sir John Stanhope, knight, Threasorer of her Majesty's Chamber, to pay unto Richard Brakenbury, esquire, one of the Gentlemen Ushers dayly attendant, the somme of one hundreth and five marks towards his paines and expences disbursed, beinge ymployed from her Majesty with the Erele (*sic*) of Lyncolne into Germany to the christening of a child of the Lantsgrave of Hesse, which money was paid unto him towards his charges untill further consideracion might be had of his demaunds. The cost of a mission to Germany.

Two other severall warrants to the same effect dyrected to Sir John Stanhop, knight, to pay unto Owin Garvey and Robert Case, Groomes of her Majesty's Chamber, for their attendaunce in the said service towards their expences and paines taken in the said jorney, untill further consideracion be had of ther demaunds, the somme of fifty pounds, and to John Cotton, one of the Groomes of her Majesty's Wardrobe, being also ymployed in the said service, the somme of forty pounds, untill suche consideracion be had of his demaunds, &c.

29^o 10 ber (*sic*), 1597.

Fowere severall warrants dyrected to all her Majesty's publique officers for to give their assistance to the berers for the better aprehencion of *—— Lucas, sonn and heyre unto Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, for murtheringe of Sir William Brooke, knight, brother to the Lord Cobham. A charge of murder.

A letter to the Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the citty of London. Whereas this bearer, John Brill, havinge served her Majesty in the warres for manie yeres togeather, and in the late service don at the seige of Amyans in France under the conduct of capetaine Fortescue he received a hurt in one of his armes whereby he ys maymed and thereby utterly dishabled either for service or to gett his livinge. Forasmuche as by good certifficate yt appeareth that he hathe carryed himself lyke a tall souldier and p. 123.
Provision for a crippled soldier.

* Blotted in the MS.

received his hurte in the said service, wee have therefore thought good to require you, the Threasorers for the maymed souldiers that have bin ymprested in the citty of London, where this souldier was ymprested, that you will have care to see the said Brill provided of soche a yerely stypendd towards his mayntenance as by the stattut in the late Session of Parlyament established for the succor of hurt and maymed souldiers ys ordayned to a souldier of his sort. Wherein requiring you to take order accordingly for this poore man's releife, &c.

The liability
for an escaped
prisoner's
debts.

A letter to Mr. Recorder of London and Mr. Thomas Fowler. Whereas complaint was made unto us in Aprill last by Richard Stanton, one of her Majesty's servants and keeper of her Majesty's goale of Gloucester, that one *—— Westwood, gentleman, being about eight or nyne yeres past comitted to his custody in the goale by the then Sherife of the said county in execucion for debt, did make an escape out of the said goale, whereby the said Staunton was driven sithence to sattisfy soche of the said Westwood's debts for which the said Westwood was in execucion. Uppon this complaint wee dyrected our warrant unto the Warden of the Fleete, where the said Westwood then was prisoner, that he should by vertue of the same detaine the said prisoner untill he might give sattisfaccion unto the said Staunton for soche somes as he had disbursed for payment of the said Westwood's debts. Upon petition now made unto [us] by the said Westwood wee have bin moved to pray and require you to here the controversies betwene theis part[i]es and to examine the courses betwene them, and also if you may to sett downe some good order for bothe their sattisfaccions, or otherwise to certiffy (*sic*) unto us of your proceedings in the same, &c.

†A letter to the Lord Archbishop and the rest of the Counsell at York.

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28 *Decembris.*

A letter to the Erle of Ormonde, Generall of her Majesty's p. 124.
 forces for martiall causes within the realme of Ireland. Lord
 Wee have seene and perused sondrie your letters wrytten Ormonde's
 this moneth of December at severall tymes as well to us demands.
 of the Councell in generall as to me, the Lord Treasurer
 of Englande, all which have bene imparted to her Majestie,
 and thereuppon soch resolucion hath bene taken for answer-
 inge unto you as for the greatest matter, concernynge the
 rebell Tyrone, shall best appeere unto you by her Majesty's
 owne letters. And to the rest you shall understand that first
 for your request to have the Queene's forces supplied, want-
 inge victuell, apparrell and munycion, first, for victuell wee
 find yt strainge that so moch beinge provided from hence
 and so moche havinge bene expended there, and the nombers
 of the souldiers well knowne to have bene demynished,
 there should soch want of victuell be fownde as semeth
 to be alledged, for yt appereth that before your Lordship
 was appointed Generall there there hath bene about the
 somme of xxv^{m li.} yssued out in the army, and by reason
 of the base prices defalked there hath bene lyttle more
 then xij^{m li.} answerable, so as there hath bene about the
 somme of xiiij^{m li.} fallen in losse to her Majestie, a matter
 verie strainge though not controllable by your Lordship,
 and yet wee doubt the lyke evell course wilbe taken from
 the tyme of your entry into office, which wee require your
 Lordship to see remedyed, especially in the checks of the
 nombers myssinge. And yet nevertheles wee will indevor
 all good meanes with her Majestie to yeeld to some further
 support of victuellinge. And for the apparrell wee doubt
 not but the same ys whollie arryved there, hopinge that
 your Lordship with the helpe of the Lords Justices and
 Councell there will see the same to be distributed
 accordinge to her Majesty's purpose.

For the other want of munycion wee have not under-
 stood at this tyme by Sir George Boucher's letters of any
 want, but onlie his desire to knowe howe defalcacions shalbe

made and allowance to her Majestie for munycion delyvered, consideringe by the late ordynaunces sent for a full paie to be made with the lendings and apparell there ys no somme left to be allowed for the munycion within that halfe yeere. To which his demaunds wee have by our former private letter at this tyme made answeere, wherewith he shall make your Lordship acquainted.

The dealings
with Tyrone
and other
rebels.

p. 125.

As to the other pointes of your letters bothe for Tyrone and for Feaghe MacHughe's sonnes and their fellowe rebells, though you maie perceave her Majesty's intencion therein by her owne letters, yet this wee add thereunto to be considered of by you, that in treaty with Tyrone you doe remember unto him his late combynacion with the Scotts, as in maryage with James MacSooley (*sic*) and mayntenance of him and other the rebells of Clandeboy, for thes late rebellious acts of him are to be sharplie remembered and provicion made by good covenante that he forbear to deale with any of them. And yet to the intent to have some generall quietnes and specially to have Knockfergus left free from dainger they maie be receaved (yf they shall require their pardons) so as they make delyvery of anie of her Majesty's subjects that were taken prysoners at the late overthrowe of Sir John Chichester. As to Feaghe MacHughe's sonnes and his complices, whoe are best knowne to yourselfe, rather then to have a warr to contynewe there so neere the Englishe Pale it seemeth both to your self and to us also that, consideringe by that kynd of warr no land ys gayned to her Majestie but her money spent and her people wasted, wee thincke your Lordship shall do a good service to pacefie those parties, and wee doubt not but you will performe the same with more assuraunce consideringe howe your owne lands and tenants are to be releevd thereby. Wee are sory to see the revolt of Tirlaugh MacHenry, whome wee were borne in hand in the late Lord Burroughe's tyme to have done service and to have had an intencion so to have contynewed,

but uppon what cause he hath chainged that course, otherwyse then because he was subject to Tyrone's tyranny and not defended, he for his succor thus retorned, the inquisicion whereof wee leave to your Lordship, thinckinge, consideringe he ys a captaine of the Fughes (*sic*) bordering uppon the English Pale, the recovery of him were more proffitable then of anie other of the dependants of the kindred of the Earle.

Wee were greatlie discomforted with the reporte of the losse of Hovenden and his companie, the fact beinge commytted even when you were in your journey towards Ulster, but perusinge Sir Warham St. Leiger's letter unto your Lordship yt seemeth doubtfull howe the grownd of that action begonn, whether by the follie of the English or the mallice of the rebell, whereof wee doubt not but your Lordship hath more knowledge by this tyme then you had at the tyme of the wrytinge of your letter.

Althoughe wee perceave bothe by your Lordship and otherwyse the great default of the nombers in every parte of that realme that should serve her Majestie in the bands, whereof hetherto wee have not anie due certificate made either from the Treasurer uppon his payments or from Sir Ralfe Lane as the Generall Muster Master, nor from Mawrice Kiffen and other Commyssaries (the uncertayntie whereof moveth a greate myscontentement in her Majestie and also in us), which uncertaintie of certificate unto us hath contynewed all this last yere, yet wee hope your Lordship havinge the superior commaundement of all the army and men of warr servinge in that realme, and your selfe seeinge the abuse, will by your owne authoritie or joynynge to you th'assystaunce of the Lords Justices and Councillours earnestly cause due musters to be made, thereby to understand the whole nombers that are there ready to serve and how many are lackinge in every band, chardging thereby her Majestie with the lendinges to no more persons nor allowance of victuells then are fownd ready and hable to serve.

The
deficiency in
the musters.

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The number
of Irishmen
serving in
the army.

Wee thincke also good to remember your Lordship that the last Lord Deputie, contrarie to his owne disposicion, gave leave to the captaines when he tooke his last journey to have gone to the Blackwater to fill up their bands with souldiers of Ireland birth, which hath proved very inconvenient, and yet doubtfull howe to have yt remedied. For yf they should be speedilie cassed before the rebells were reduced to their obedyence and to cease from armes, it might be doubted that a greate number of them so cassed, having not whereof to lyve in peaceable manner, would revolt to the service of the rebell, a matter worthie consideration, but otherwyse yf the rebellion should cease and the rebells dyspearce their forces, then the said Iryshe so newly retained in bands might be with lesse perill cassed and her Majesty's chardges thereby demynished, and meanes hereafter used for the captaines to supply their numbers with English. This matter wee thinck worthie of good consideration there.

Return of
the Irish
Secretary.

Now that your Lordship shall have with you Sir Jeffery Fenton, the Secretary, your Lordship maie for your more ease use him to wryt oftner unto us, and that particulerlie of all accidents there, without drawinge your Lordship from the greater causes you shall have in hand. So, &c.

28 December.

The condition
of Connaught.

A letter to Sir Conyers Clifford, knight, Governor of Conaught. Wee have seene and perused all your severall letters wrytten at Athlone the 19th of November which came lately to our hands, havinge not receaved them before the xiiijth hereof, and thereby the answeare to you longer delaied then wee thincke you did looke for. But you shall understand that her Majestie hath at length understood the contents of all your letters, whoe hath in very gracious part allowed of your service and your offers made for further advauncement thereof, and to that purpose hath by her owne letters at this present

directed unto you signified bothe her lykinge of you and authorisinge you to proceede further therein according to your request. The speciall matter in your letters to me, the Lord Treasurer, concernynge O'Wrorck ys by her Majesty's letters fully answered you, with whome the sooner you conclude, having good pledges, the more yt shall further the yeelding of others. And yet I, the Lord Treasurer, cannot forget that in Sir John Norreye's tyme there was a sonne of olde O'Wrorck that was legitimate whoe did offer his obedyence to the Queene and restoringe of all the lande to be answerable for the Composicion imposed there uppon, but whether this that now maketh offer unto you bene (*sic*) that O'Wrorck that hath bene accompted legitimate and willinge to obey, I knowe not.

Your opynion to have the Erle of Ormond countenanced to drawe Tyrone to a peace wee lyke very well, conceavinge thereby that the rebell in Conaught will the sooner yeeld to obedyence and to sever them selves from O'Donell.

In the descripcion of the particuler heads of the rebells p. 127.
of Conaught wee perceave that you have placed three Sheriffs in
Connaught.
Sheryffes in Sligo, Mayo and Rosconnon (*sic*), and have taken pledges from them whom you have receaved, but whether those three countries have yeelded to the satisfaction of their former Composicions doth not appere, neither have wee anie knowledg from you or others howe farr forth the Composicion in the severall counties of the Province ys restored, neither yet dothe yt appere how you or soche as have bene allowed to be Counsellours there for the Queene doe kepe anie Sessions for government.

Wee doubt not but you will use O'Connor Dun and MacDermot, whoe for their loyaltie have ben cruelly used by O'Donnell, with all gentlenes and favor to retayne them in their dutie and to be opposyt against O'Donnell. And yf you maie have the fortune to recover Maguire wee thincke O'Donnell shalbe so weakned as he shall yeeld to anie reasonable condycions.

The pay of
the troops in
Connaught.

You wrytt that in seaven monethes' space of all the treasour that was sent into Ireland you had but one thowsand pownds to maynteyn your companies, which seemeth strainge unto us, for that by a certificat sent from Sir Henry Wallopp signed with the hand of one Bicknell, whoe was a paymaster for those garrysons of Conaught, it ys certified that there was paied to you as Cheefe Commyssioner and lykewyse as capten of horsemen and to captain Gifford and Tybott Dillon and Dudley Norton one thowsand pounds and more, and to your selfe as capten of footemen and to xx^{tie} other captens with you the somme of mmmiiij^c iiij^{xx} vj^{li}. xix^s. iiij^d., and in the totall paied there by waie of lendinges for two monethes, which was September and October, the somme of iiij^m cclxxj^{li} xiijs. iiij^d., so as howe to interpreat this your wrytinge with the Treasurer's certificate wee thinck yt fitt to be by you answered.

Wee thincke yt very convenient that for all causes concernynge your government for martiall matters you should from tyme to tyme particulerly informe the Erle of Ormonde, beinge Lieutenante Generall, and uppon conference with him to followe his directions, and for all other matters of moment wee wish you to impart the same to the Lords Justices and Councell, whoe shall moste conveniently give you speedy answers and resolucion for your directions, which from hence cannot be so readylie returned unto you because of the usuall delaie of tyme in sendinge of letters from thence and returnynge answeare thereunto by the uncertainty of the sea passage. And yet wee shall very well lyke of your often wrytinge unto us, whereby wee maie be acquainted howe thinges doe passe there either forwards or backwards.

The number
of men in
receipt of
pay.

Where you give hope that havinge one thowsand men more this next sommer you should be hable to make an ende of all the troubles in that Province, for that at this present wee cannot be advertised from thence what are the whole nombers in that realme wherewith] her Majestie ys

chardged, neither yet by anie of your wrytinge can perceave what nombers you have there in paye, althoughe by the late booke of lendinges yt seemeth you have above xxij captaines, every one havinge chardge of one hundreth, besides cxx^{ty} horsemen, wee have cause to forbear at this unseasonable tyme of the yere to chardg. the realme here with more levyes, and yet when wee shalbe further informed what shalbe necessary wee will willingly yeeld to the satisfaction of that which shalbe necessary for her Majesty's service.

In some partes of your letters you require that there might be satisfaccion made to the country there for soch thinges as you have taken of them and that to be paied out of the next treasor, neither imposinge any chardge uppon her Majestie but to be defalked from the intertaynment of soche captaines as have served with you whose companies have bene maynteyned from you and from the country for thes seaven monthes before specyfyed.

The
maintenance
of the
troops.

Unto this your request wee are uncertaine howe to answeere. First, because you doe not expresse in your letters what the vallew ys of the thinges you have taken of the countrey, and, secondly, for that where you saie that you and your companie[s] have bene maynteyned seaven monethes thereby, there hath bene, as wee be certyfyed from the Treasurer of Ireland and as before ys mentioned above, the somme of 4,000^{li} sent to you for your selfe and all your companies for a paie untill the xxviijth of October, for the full paie whereof besides there is sent apparrell to supplie so moch as ys due, besides their lendings. Whereof wee wish you would wryte your letters to the Lords Justices and the Treasurer to make your demaundes appere more plain, for that they shalbe more hable to answeere you then we cann. And so wee wish daily to heare well from you, &c.

28 Decembris.

A letter to the Lordes Justices and Councell of Ireland. Wee have received sondry letters, some from you the

Irish
finance.

Lords Justices and some from the Treasurer and other Counsellours there, the latest of them being of the iiijth of this monneth, by which wee understand dyvers thinges whereunto you have required answeare, which at this present you shall receive, and yet wee fynde lacke of due informacion of many mo[re] matters fytt to have bene advertysed and requysyte to have had answeare. At this tyme also wee have received letters from the Erle of Ormond, some dated at Dublin the third of this monneth and others at Drodagh the xth and xjth. Having acquainted her Majesty with the contentes both of yours and his Lordship's, and likewyse with certaine letters of old date of Sir Coniers Clifford, to all which answeare is made at this present tyme, first to the Erle of Ormond by her Majesty's owne letters and ours also, and lykewyse to Sir Coniers Clifford.

The
Victualler's
accounts.

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And nowe for answeare to your letters, where you, the Treasurer, for satisfaction of our letters written the xiiijth of November fynding fault for want of due report made for the state of vyctualling there, you have nowe sent hether one Samuell Molineux, the Vyctualler's deputy, with a declaration of the provysions and expenditour of all manner of vyctuals issued for the last yeare untill the xxth of November, which being here perused seemeth very chargeable to her Majesty above all former tymes, for by the declaration the Vyctualler maketh accompt of the chardge of vyctualles to the value 24,902^{li}. and declareth the same to have ben yssued to the army for the value only of 12,451^{li}, so as her Majesty's losse is by this reckoning in one yeare 12,451^{li}, being the one half of the full chardge, and in theis accomptes wee see the Governour and other cheif officers vyctualled at theis base prices at the Quene's charges. And so wee finde also, besides all the bandes of horsemen and footemen, her Majestie charged with vyctualling of captens of kearne, constables of wardes, pentioners and, emongst others, clerkes of the workes and of municion engyners and suche other

lyke, which in former tyme have not bene in suche sort burthenous to her Majesty. And besides that wee knowe not by what authoritie a former order there agreed uppon hathe be[en] discontinued, by which yt was ordered that all such as had *sterling* pay should vyctuell themselves, except yt were in jorneyes, but howe or when that order began to be discontinued we knowe not.

Wee have received also certayne declarations from you of the sommes of money yssued out for the lendings for two monnethes ending the xxviiith of October amounting in money to the somme 7,920^{li.} xij^{s.} viij^{d.}, whereof 4,271^{li.} hathe ben sent into Connaght by one Bicknell, a paymaster, as appeareth by the booke signed by him, and yet by letters from Sir Coniers Clifford of the xixth day of November last he certefyeth by way of complaint that he hathe had for him and his companies for seaven monnethes but one thousand powndes, the dyfference wherein is worthie to be enquired of. Yf lyke difference do aryse for the payment of the garrison of the Newry and lykewyse of Knockfergus that more should be sent then is there paid yt is full tyme to looke better thereto. And nowe what good order wilbe taken for the dystribucion of the apparrell, wherby according to her Majesty's ordenaunce the army may be fully paid, wee shalbe very glad to heare of the performance thereof, and where by the said ordonances there hathe ben no remembrance made for the defalcation of municion which is requisite to be performed, at this tyme the same maie be passed over, and at the next tyme of provision of apparrell for the sommer there may be some portion of that forborne to be provided, or otherwyse the prizes to be demynished to the souldiers so as there may be a remayne to be answered to her Majesty for the municion, before which tyme consideration would be had by conference with the Master of the Ordonance to make partyculer certyficat what the same may come unto for the yeare.

The system of
"lendings."

Imperfect
muster-rolls.

The money presently sent, which was xij^{m^{li}} from hence and 2,000^{li} appointed to be paid by Sir Hugh Cholmley, Collector of the Loane for Cheshire, making in the whole xiiij thousand poundes, would be applied to the lendinges there for November and December. But very uncertayne we are howe far the same may extend, considering we can have no certaine knowledge from thence what are the just nombers ready and hable to serve, whereof you, the Threasurer, do wryte that you can have no certyficat from Sir Ralfe Lane, a matter very strange and heere greatly mysliked by her Majesty, considering there have ben Comyssaries appointed in severall contryes by the late Lord Deputy, although we fynde by your letters that two of them are (*sic*, ? one) in Ulster and the other in Connaught, have ben found very faulty, but in what sort yt is not specefied, hoping nevertheles but that they shall receive due punishment to terrefy others from comytting the lyke.

“Unfortunate
accidents.”

p. 130.

Wee are very sorry to perceive the unfortunate accident of the distres of Hovendon and his bond (*sic*), but by letters of the Erle of Ormond wee finde yt doubtfull whether the same happened by sett purpose of the rebelles or the provocation and hazard of the Englishe. Howsoever yt is we thincke yt full tyme to make an end of theis troubles for those rebells in Leinster, the prosecucion whereof hathe ben moste chargeable to her Majesty and no penny proffitt to be had from them, and for that purpose her Majesty hathe given authoritie to the Erle of Ormond to receive them upon their submyssion into favour, wherein you, the Counsell there, shall do well to give suche good advyse as thereby the Pale may be freed and leave theis beggers to enjoy their owne.

There be divers other matters whereof we are not well informed from there meet for us to know, as for the state of Knockfergus howe that contrey doth stand since the overthrowe of Sir John Chichester, who hathe the chardg thereof, and what is become of James McConnell, who in former tyme offred his obedience to the Quene, and so

did lykewyse the Capitaines of the two Clandeboyes, but in what state those contries do stand we can no wayes heare from you.

We lykewyse have ben long kept ignorant what is become of the possessions of the late Erle of Clancarr and howe that contrey is governed, and howe the base sonne of that Erle that was recommended from hence doth behave himself, and lykewyse howe Florence McCarty procedeth in his clayme. And besides this for this yeare or two we could never be certefied howe the Undertakers of the escheated landes of Monster do inhabite their landes and howe they answere their rentes, and howe many of them be absent and howe manie do, contrary to their covenant, lett out their landes to the Irishe for their private lucre. We do also desire to understand what is answered to her Majestie for the Composicion in Connaught, considering the great chardge of her Majestie for the ruling nowe of that contrey, thincking yt requysite that suche as be appointed there as to be of Councell should not be chargeable to her Majesty but be paid their full fees out of the Composicion, for so we thincke yt possible to be done, considering, as Sir Coniers Clifford writeth, that the three contryes of Sligo, Mayo and Roscommon have received Sheryffes.

The financial
state of
Munster,
Connaught
and the Eng-
lish Pale.

We know not howe her Majesty is answered the Composicion of the Englishe Pale granted in lieu of Cesse, whereof we have some doubt for answering thereof because of the greivous complaintes made by the Englishe contryes, and specially by the county of Kildare, for the contynuall oppressions by the captens and souldiers there taking vyctuell as yt were in forme of a Cesse without paying for the same, but what became of those complaintes we never had any report from thence.

Upon sight of a letter written by you, the two Lords Justices, to me, the Lord Treasurer, for the furtherance of you to have the porte-corne due for tythes and reserved out of leases as thinges incydent for the

The per-
quisites of
the Lords
Justices.

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Governour for the tyme being, whereof though no per-tyculer mencion was made in her Majesty's letters of the first of November, wherein was appointed howe the recompence for a Composicion with the contrey should be devided for the Lord Lieutennant to have two partes thereof and you the third, yet nowe understanding that you would be releived for your selves with the whole porte-corne and likewyse with the beeves heretofore belonging to the Governour, her Majesty, being heereof informed, contynueth in her former mynde that the Erle should have towards his great chardges sustained aswell abroad as at Dublin two partes of all the said incydent proffittes that were answerable to the Governour, and so we let you understand that you do yelde therunto, or otherwyse to agree with the said Erle for the two partes. And as to the parsonage of Dunboyne we thincke there was never warrant passed from her Majestie to have that lymited to the Governour, but rather to have bene intended for the debt of Jaques Wingfeild, Master of the Ordonance, who died indebted to her Majesty, no satisfaction being hetherto made for the same, whereof we would be contented to understand how that accompt hathe passed and how her Majesty is or shalbe satisfied for the same.

Want of
victuals at
Berwick.

A letter to Mr. John Carey, Governour of Barwicke. We have this daie ben made acquainted with the letter you sent lately unto me, the Lord Treasurer of England, signifying the pitttyfull state and small store of vyctuall and provision that was at that tyme in the towne of Barwicke under your chardge for the furnyshing of the garrison. Hereupon we presently sent for Mr. Vernon and charged him severely with his negligence and want of due care, who did affirme that he had caused good provision of corne to be made both at Lynne and at Hull at the begynning of this monneth and taken order the same

should be sent and transported thether with all diligence. Nevertheles seing the great want that is there at this present we sent him presently away with letters of assistance from us to hasten the provisions he had made yf already they were not departed, and after charged him to make his repaire with all diligence unto you to Barwicke to give accompt unto you of the provisions he hath made and of the reasons the same have bene so forslowed and neglected, whereof we thought good to certefy you, that you may knowe the speciall care wee have that that place should be furnyshed in suche sorte as yt ought to be, and you maie at the coming thether of Vernon take accompt of him of his dealinges and certefy us of the same.

A letter to Sir Richard Martin, knight. Whereas Richard Remchin was of late discovered and apprehended by the meanes of Henry Farmer, gentleman, the Clerke of the Peace in the county of Middlesex, who received of him at three severall tymes to the value of xix^{li.} in clipped gold, wherewith he did acquaint you, and so the said party was by his meanes apprehended, and there is owing to the said Fermor three pownds more, which he forbare to receive the better to compas his discovery and apprehencion, as you knowe, and Remchin did confesse the debt before you. Forasmuch as you found in his house to the somme of cvj^{li.} in money, which you have in your hands, whereof there was xx^{li.} clipped golde, we thincke yt reason you take into your handes the xix^{li.} that Mr. Fermour received of him of clipped gold to be given in evidence against the party, and that you give him so muche out of the other money you have in your handes, and that you paie him also out of the same the three pownds he confessed to owe to the said Fermour. Wherein requiring you to take order accordingly, we bid you farewell.

Clipping the
Queen's coin.

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Whitehall, 3 January, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.

Erle of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

Return of
the French
Ambassador.

An open warrant directed to all her Majesty's puplique (*sic*) officers requiring them to see Monsieur De Maisse, the French King's Ambassador unto her Majestie, who is returning into Fraunce, provided of hable and sufficient post horses and horses of cariage for himself and retinew to the sea side where he is to embarque, and there to suffer him to embarque with such necessaries as are for their use and service without search or molestacion whatsoever.

Sonday. At the Courte at Whitehall, the 6th of
January, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of
Canterbury.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Tresorer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Admirall.

Sir John Fortescue.

Reprisals
against
French
shipping.

An open warrant to all officers of her Majesty's portes and especially to the officers of the portes of Southampton and Portesmouthe. Whereas by authority of a warrant from us bearing date the 28th of May, 1597, or thereabouts, staye hath ben made by Robert Fennicke and William Phillips of New Castle, marchantes, of certaine French shippes arrived at sondry portes of this realme, namely of two shippes of Diepe called the Frauncis and the Gifte of God, and of two other shippes of a towne called Jarte by name the Frauncis of Jarte and the Aime of Jarte, which staye was allowed and authorized to be made in respect that

the said Fennicke and Phillips having bin longe since spoiled of goodes to the vlew of 3,000^{li} by a piracye committed on them by a French shipp and pynnace of Monsieur St. Luc, could not by any meanes hitherto obtaine satisfaccion for their losses. Now forasmuch as the Ambassador of the French Kinge here at this present hath made speciall instance and request for the release of the said shippes, and hath declared to us sufficient causes to move us to sett them free againe, albeit wee do (as before) holde it very just and meete that the said Fennicke and Phillips finding no due satisfaccion by any other course should have remedy by some such attachment of French goodes for their losses, nevertheles wee have thought it convenient for speciall causes to release the shippes of Diepe and Jarte abovemencioned, and do therefore will and require you (notwithstanding our former warrant or any other warrant of restraint in that behalf) uppon sight hereof to release the aforenamed shippes of Diepe and Jarte that have bin stayed by the meanes of Fennick and Phillips, and to suffer them to passe awaie and to follow their voyages formerly intended, for the which this shalbe your sufficient warrant. From, &c.

6 January, 1597.

A letter to Mr. Carey of Cockington. Whereas her Majestie hath caused a certaine summe of money to be sent downe thither of late for the payement of two bandes at Dartmouthe and three bandes at Plymouth after the rate of twenty poundes, three shillings and fower pence weekly to every band, to continew untill the xvijth daie of this instant January, and from that tyme they are to be farther paid after the same rate during their abode in those partes. Forasmuch as you have receaved a good summe of money for the sale of hides and other marchandizes taken in a prize in this late Voyage, by which meanes such summes of

* Sent by post and delivered to the post of the Court by Robert Brown, the Messenger.

* Original marginal note.

* Two bandes
at Dartmouth
and 3 at
Plymouth.

money as maie be needfull for the continuance of the said payement may be there more conveniently disbursed and supplied by you then sent from hence, these shalbe therefore to require you to pay or cause to be paid unto the deputies of William Meredith, gentleman, paymaster for those companies, out of the sumes receaved by you for the afore-said goodes the summe of fower hundred and three poundes, six shilliges and eight pence, to be employed according to the rate abovemencioned for one monthe's farther entertainment for the payement of the said companies at Dartmouth and Plymouth, to begyn after th'expiracion of the former payement ending the xvijth of this presente monneth, and these our letters, with th'acquittance of the deputy of the said Mr. Meredith acknowledging the receipt of the same, shalbe a discharge unto you for the said summe by you delivered unto him. And so, &c.

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5 January.

The discharge
of the Welsh
levies.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. Though this our answeere unto your Lordship's letter of the xiiijth of November be not returned with so much speede as it might have bin, yet your Lordship maie be assured that wee have not omitted to take speciall notice of your Lordship's good care and dilligence that you shewed in putting the thowsand men in readynes which were intended to have bin sent out of the counties of Wales unto me, the Earle of Essex, after my returne of late from the Voyage to the Islandes, and in providing victuall for the said number of men according to direccion given by our letters in that behalf. Which direccions if your Lordship did finde not so particular as at other tymes are given the reason was because that, after order had bin given for the number of men and for provision of victualls, the more particular direccions were referred to me, the said Earle, then her Majesty's Generall, according as I, then being in the West Countrey, should finde cause

* Original marginal note.

and oportunity, which your Lordship should have receaved from me if there had bin occasion to use the men, whome if your Lordship have not yeat discharged (as wee supposed you had donne) you maie forthwith give order for their discharge and wee praie your Lordship so to do, yet in such manner as they maie be in readynes upon shorte warning if there shalbe like occasion again of such speciall employment. Wee did likewise thinke that your Lordship had taken some order for disposinge of the victuall, which since wee do by your Lordship's letters understand to remaine there wee do praie you to take order for the sale of it, and that either restitution maie be made unto the severall persons of so much money or victuall as they brought in and delivered towarde the making of that provision, or ells upon sale of it to cause the money thereof arisinge to be committed unto the custody of some fitt person, that the same maie be employed hereafter in her Majesty's service as the like occasion maie be offred. Which of these two courses your Lordship shall thinke best and most agreable to the desire of the countrey the same wee shall approve. Moreover, whereas your Lordship thought meete to leavye some parte of the aforesaid number out of the Isle of Anglesye, although it hath bin holden convenient by us to free and exempte the said Isle from any leavye for a tyme, yet because your Lordship had no knowledg thereof by our letters and the service was uppon speciall occasion wee cannot but well allow of your Lordship's proceeding therein. And so, &c.

6 January, 1597.

A letter to Sir Francis Godolphin. Whereas her Majestie hath caused a certaine summe of money to be sent downe thither of late for the payement of two bandes at Faulmouthe and other companies in those partes after the rate of twenty poundes, three shillings and fower pence weeklie to every bande, to continew untill the xvijth daie of this instant January, and from that tyme they are to be farther paid after the

The payment
of the troops
in the West.

* 2 bandes at
Faulmouth.

same rate during their abode in those partes. Forasmuch as wee have understood from you by your late letters that you have receaved a good summe of the Loane money, whereof you are the Collector in that countie, and wee suppose that sithence that tyme a further somme is come to your handes, these shalbe to require you to paie or cause to be paid unto the deputies of William Meredith, gentleman, payemaster for those companyes, the summe of 161^{li.} 6^{s.} 8^{d.} out of the aforesaid Loane money that is or shall come to your handes, to be employed according to the rate above mentioned for the payement of those companies at Faulmouthe, to begyn after th'expiracion of the former payment ending the xvijth of this present monneth. And these our letters, with the acquittance of the deputy of the said Mr. Meredith acknowledging the receipt of the same, shalbe a discharge unto you for the said sume by you delivered unto him. And so, &c.

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A letter to Sir Henry Billengsly, knight, and other the Comissioners appointed for the inventorying and sale of certaine prize goodes landed out of a shipp called the Poppingay of Lubeck, brought in by Sir John Gilbert, knight. Whereas there are certaine goodes committed unto your charge of late which were landed out of a shipp called the Swann of Rotterdam, brought in by Sir John Gilbert serving in her Majesty's shipp the Antelope, of which goodes there are some parcells adjudged prize, forasmuch as Mr. Dorrell, one of the Surveyors of the Victualls for her Majesty's Navye, hath by direccion from us delivered a monethe's victualls to the company of the said shipp, being 16 persons, which is appointed to be paid for out of the said prize goodes, these are to require you to make payement to the said Mr. Dorrell of the summe of 12^{li.} 12^{s.} 8^{d.}, being the full charge of the said monethe's victualls as by a particular reckoning made thereof doth appeare, to be raised out of the said prize goodes, and this shalbe your warrant for the same. From the, &c.

* Original marginal note.

6 January, 1597.

These 3 following signed [by]

Lord Archbishop.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Tresuror.

Mr. Secretary.

An open warrant to Robert Dudley, Alderman, Edward Lewyn, gentleman, and Henry Sanderson, gentleman, and to William Selbie, Alderman, Henry Anderson, gentleman, and William Jennyson, inhabitantes of the towne of Newcastle. Whereas wee have bin at sondry tymes mooved for our direccion and order to be given concerning the tryall of a controversie betwixt you, Henry Sanderson of New Castle and others on the one part, and you, Henry Anderson of the same towne and certaine others on the other part, uppon complaint exhibited to us by you, the aforesaid Henry Sanderson, &c., whereuppon wee have heeretofore given direccion for the tryall of the said controversie at Yorke before the Lord Archbishop and the Counsell there at such tyme as the Justices of Assize might be present with the Lord Archbishop and take knowledg of the cause, and yet afterwardees uppon earnest sollicitacion and some speciall informacion wee thought it not amisse to alter the former direccion and to transfer the tryall of the cause unto New Castle. Now forasmuch as wee have bin againe verie earnestlie solicited and humble suite hath bin made unto us by Henry Chapman and William Jackson of the same towne for themselves and others that the former order for the tryall of the cause at Yorke might stand and contynue, and divers reasons have bin alleadged unto us in that behalf, and forasmuch as such of you as heeretofore have made suite for the tryall at New Castle have not bin at this tyme present heere before us to shew your reasons to the contrarie, by which occacion wee have forborne to varie altogither from our last determination, wee have therefore thought good for the setting downe of a certaine and finall order for the said tryall to call before us againe somme of you on each part to be

The trial of a
Newcastle
case.

present heere together, namelie you whose *names are under-written in the foote of this warrant, requiring you and everie of you to make your personall apparance heere by the first of February next following and to comme so well instructed and informed in your cause as that we may without any farther trouble unto us by the diversitie of the solicitacions and suites prescribe a certaine order for the hearing and deciding of the controversie. Whereof faile you not, &c.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop and Counsell at York. Wee have bin so diverslie solicited and importuned by petitions for our direccion and order to be given for triall of a controversie betwixt diverse of the inhabitantes of New Castle, wherein Henry Sanderson and Henry Anderson are speciall parties, as it hath bin troublesome unto us to give them satisfaccion. Wee apointed at the first the cause to be heard at Yorke before your Lordship and the Counsell together with the Justices of Assize, and yet afterwardes uppon somme speciall informacion we thought it not amisse to transfer it to New Castle. Now againe earnest and humble suite hath bin made unto us for the contynuanee of the tryall at Yorke, whereuppon wee have thought good to send for somme of the parties on both sides to comme before us this next Terme, mynding to set downe some certaine resolucion for their course of tryall, whereof wee do give your Lordship notice, that you may in the meane while forbear to procede in the cause by any of our former direccions untill the parties have bin againe before us. And so, &c.

A *postscript*. For our better understanding of the cause we pray your Lordship to send unto us the whole proceedings that have bin already therein at Yorke, so as wee may receave them before the first of February next.

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Danish
claims in
the Court of
Requests.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publique officers. Whereas uppon request made to her Majestie by the Kinge of Denmark for redresse of certaine wronges and spoiles committed on the shippinge and goodes of certaine Danish

* The names are not given in the MS.

merchauntes, his subjectes, by sondrie persons inhabitinge in the counties of Devon, Cornewall, citty of Bristoll and other places of her Majesty's domynions, the cause hath had due examynacion and proceeding by her Majesty's expresse comaundement, and thereuppon an order or decree hath been heeretofore set downe in the Court of Requestes for the satisfaccion of the dampnified merchauntes which hitherto hath not bin performed or observed by sondrie of the offendours. In regard whereof processe is now graunted out of the said Court of Requestes and authoritie therein given to *——, [one] of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, to collect and receave of all and everie the said persons such summes of money as they stand chargeable withall in this behalf, according to a scedule thereof subscribed by the Master of Requestes and delivered to the said Messenger, who hath direccion to pay over such moneys as he shall receave by vertue thereof unto John Foord, agent for the said Danish merchauntes, or otherwise uppon the refusall of the said offendours or any of them to make satisfaccion of the said summes of money to arrest and apprehend them, so as they may be forthcoming to aunswere their defaultes therein in the said Court of Requestes, as by the said processe more particulerlie is prescribed. These shalbe therefore straightlie to charg and comaund you and everie of you to whome it maie appertaine to be aiding and assisting unto the said *—— in the due execucion of the premisses, and to yeald him your best healpes and furtherance for the full accomplishment thereof in all poyntes and to all purposes as the tenour of the said processe importeth, &c.

Another open warrant to all publique officers, &c. Complaints
from St. Jean
de Luz.
Whereas Martin de Aritsaga of St. John de Luce in Fraunce, merchaunt, hath made prooffe in the High Court of the Admyraltie as well for himself as in the part and behalf of Martin de Gloria of Subiborow, master of a shipp called the Bonadventure of St. John de Luce aforesaid,

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that the said shipp with her lading of fishe, trayne and furre, latelie taken at the seas by force and violence in her course homewardes from the Newfound Land by one captaine Hubbard and his complices and brought into Plymmouth, were the proper and lawfull goodes of them, the said Martin de Aritsaga and Martin de Gorla (*sic*), and thereupon comission is granted out of the said Court of the Admiraltie for restitution to be made unto them of the said shipp and goodes or the value thereof by the said captaine Hubbard and his company, or any others who have bought, receaved or do otherwise unjustlie withhold and detaine the same or any part or parcell thereof. And if they or any of them shall refuse to make such restitution order is given for their apprehencion, so as they may be forth coming to aunswere their defaultes in the Court of Admiraltie, as by the said comission more largelie appeareth. These shalbe therefore, &c.

The garrison
of Brill.

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A letter to Sir Edward Conwaie. Wee have receaved from you two letters at one instant bearing date the first of this present moneth. By the one you make a mocion and signifie the necessitie (in your opynion) that your garrison may be reinforced with the number of fower hundred soldiers, which were of late taken from thence and employd in other service of her Majestie. By the other you have informed us of a disloyall soldier, one Thomas Madrin, that hath served with the enemye, whome you have caused to be sent over hether. Concerning the first we can make you no other aunswere as yeat but that her Majestie is myndfull of that garrison, liketh well of your care to keepe it in good strength and wilbe pleased to see it supplied as soone as convenientlie shee may and as the diverse employmentes of her soldiers will permitt, which oportunitie you must be contented to expect. Towching the other you shall understand that wee do verie well allow and commende your care and dilligence in the discoverie and apprehencion of the said Madrin, the rather because it might be supposed by reason of his alliaunce unto Owen

that he might be a daungerous man and fitt to execute some mischief. Wee have therefore taken order for his comittment and farther examynacion, whereuppon he shall be proceeded withall as there shalbe cause found. And so, &c.

A warrant to the Keeper of the prison of the Marshallsey to receave into his custodie the said Thomas Madrin and to keepe him close prisoner. A deserter sent to the Marshalsea.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, to pay unto Frauncis Conyers, gentleman, for bringing the letters before mencioned from Sir Edward Conwaie, knight, from the Briell, in Holland, and for returning with letters of aunswere, the summe of five poundes.

5th Januarij, 1597.

This daie Nicholas Martin and John Effard were by order and direccion from the Lords of the Counsell committed to the prison of the Marshalsea. Guernseymen sent to prison.

Sonday forenoone. At the Court at Whitehall, the viijth of January.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncelor of
Lord Chamberlaine.	the Exchequer.

A letter to the Justices of Peace and Treasurours for maymed soldiers in the countie of Hereford. Humble complaint hath bin made unto us by the bearer heereof, Thomas Proterch, that whereas uppon due certificate of his service and hurtes he obteyned heeretofore a yearelie pencion in that countie of Hereford as by the late statute is ordayned for a person of his sort and qualitie, and hath bin latelie denyed the payment thereof, as we are informed, by the now Treasurour for those colleccions in that countie. Forasmuch as he was thought woorthy of this pencion at the first when it was graunted and wee thincke his service A crippled soldier's complaint.

and hurtes may deserve to make it still contynued unto him, wee do therefore require you to take order that the said poore gentleman may receave satisfaccion in this behalf, or elles if there be just cause of restraint to certifie us, &c.

A fraudulent
impostor.

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A letter to the Earle of Bathe. It maie appeare unto your Lordship by the petition hereinclosed what complaint hath bin made unto us against one Roger Gifford of Tiverton in the county of Devon for great oppression and extortion that he is charged (by the said petition) to have used toward divers of the inhabitantes of the hundred of Tiverton by colour and pretence of somme service that he hath bin appointed to do there in the overseeing of the armour and trayning of the souldiers of the said hundred, of which misdemeanoure and abuse, if the informacion be true, it is very meete that order be taken for relief of those that have bin so wronged and for punishment of the offendour, and not only in regarde of the private wronges but in respect that under the name and shew of doing her Majesty service he hath gonne about to hinder her service. Wee do therfore praie and require your Lordship to cause the said Roger Gifforde to be brought before you together with the parties that have made the complaint (whose names are subscribed to the petition) and examinacion to be taken of the abuses which are layed to his charge, whereof if your Lordship finde him guilty wee think him very worthy not only to be removed from the place and service which he holdeth but to have farther punishment, wherein we doubt not but your Lordship will take such order as you shall thinke meete and agreable to his desert. And so, &c.

Distress at
Colchester.

An open warrant to all publique officers in the countie of Norfolke. Whereas humble suite hath bin made unto us by the Bailiffes of Colchester in Essex in the behalf of the poore inhabitantes of that towne that they may be furnished of the quantitie of fower hundred quarters of graine out of the countie of Norfolke which they have alreadie bought there for the onlie releefe and provision of the said poore people, but cannot be suffred to carrie the

same awaie by reason of the generall restraint. Though by publique proclamacion and our former orders wee have straightlie inhibited any graine to be bought or sold out of the markettes, yet in respect of their necessities and wantes, being not otherwise hable to furnish themselves, as is alleadged, and in regard of the great number of poore people in that towne, wee have bin mooved by the said humble suite to direct this our warrant unto you, whereby we do pray and require you for the consideracions above mentioned to suffer the bearer heereof in the behalfe of the said towne to carrie out of that countie of Norfolke the fower hundred quarters of graine that are provided and bought there for the use of the towne, or if that shalbe thought overmuch, so much and such quantity thereof as may convenientlie be spared, and to transport it by such waies and meanes as they shall finde most convenient unto Colchester aforesaid, giving good bondes to her Majesty's use that the same shalbe employd according to the tenour of this warrant and not otherwise, which wee doubt not but you may well affoord them without any hurt or inconvenience to the countie, and therefore do pray you to let them have your favour and assistance therein.

8 January, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Mr. Buroughes. By some advertisement that wee have receaved wee have cause to doubt that the shipping that was provided to be sent over unto St. Vallerye's in Picardy for the bringinge awaie of the souldiers from thence remaineth as yeat in Dover Roade or thereaboutes, at which slacknes and delaye wee do much marvaile, the rather because wee have understood by our very good Lord the Lord Warden of the Cinque Portes that the pilotes were in readynes and had put themselves into the shippes a good while since. Wee do therfore praie you to enquire hereof dilligently and to advertise us

Transport
reported to be
delayed in
the Downs

whether it be so or no. If you finde it to be true wee praie and require you to give order forthwith for their dispatch awaie, and to certefy us unto whom the charge was committed of carrying over the said shippes and what hath bin the cause of their staye. So wee, &c.

8 January, 1597.

Signed by the

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Warrant for
payment.

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A letter to Roger Langford, Paymaster of the Navie. Whereas John Pitt, Mayor of Weymouth Melcomb Regis, hath disbursed the summe of eight poundes, thirteen shillings for the setting foorth of certaine smale pynnaces, which he did of late by direccion and order from us and others of her Majesty's Privie Counsell, as may appeare unto you by a note of the same disbursement heerein-
inclosed, wee have thought good that the said disbursement, being so smale a summe, shalbe repaid and satisfied by you unto him, the sayd Mayour, or to the bearer heereof authorized by the Mayour for receipt of it, and that you shall enter the said summe of eight poundes, thirteen shillings in your accomptes for the Narrow Seas, for which this shalbe your sufficient warrant.

9 Januarye.

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Admyrall.

Sir John Fortescue.

A Muster
Master
required for
Somerset.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. Whereas in regard of these doubtfull tymes yt hath bin thought meete to have the forces of the realme in contynuall readynes for the better withstanding such attemptes as the enemye might happen to make, and therefore of late order hath bin taken thoroughout the most shires of the realme for disciplyning and instruction of the trayned bandes in the

severall counties by men experienced in martiall affaires that have bin recommended by us to holde those places in the severall counties. Forasmuch as thorough want of Deputie Leiutenantes in that countie of Sommerset the men have not bin exercised in trayning these late yeares, and (as we are informed) there is no Muster Master there, by which meanes also we suppose it hath happened that wee have not receaved the muster rolles of that countie so dylie as from other shires, we have therefore thought good to moove your Lordship that there may be a Muster Master appointed for that countie of Sommerset. And because this gentleman the bearer heereof, captaine Thomas Panton, for his sufficiency and experience in martiall service is very well knowne unto us to be meete for such a place, wee do therefore earnestly commend him to your Lordship for that place of mustering, trayning and disciplining the trayned bandes in the countie of Sommerset, whereunto if upon this our comendacion your Lordship shalbe pleased to preferr him and to give order for his reasonable allowaunce for his paynes therein, wee shalbe gladd to finde this our commendacion to take effect, and doubt not but he will make the same good by the sufficient performaunce of his service. And so, &c.

10 January.

Signed as before.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall, Mr. Sollicitour and Mr. Frauncis Bacon. Whereas one Thomas Madrin hath bin of late sent over unto us by Sir Edward Conway, knight, from the Briell in Holland, who hath given informacion against him to be a disloyall subject as one that hath served the enemy, and thereuppon wee have committed him to the prison of the Marshallsey, where he now remayneth, wee have thought good to give you knowledg of his said committment, and do send you hereinclosed the examynacion of him taken by the said Sir Edward Conway,

* Delivered to Robert Browne, the Messenger, with Sir Edward Conwaie's letters and Madrin's examynacion inclosed.

* Original marginal note.

praying and requiring you to appoint some tyme for his farther examynacion, and to take order that he may be proceeded withall in such course as is meete according to the qualitie of his offence. And so, &c.

*Deputies from
Groningen.*

An open warrant. Whereas these gentlemen, Hildebrand Roltman and Jacob Cleve, Deputies for the towne of Groeningen in Frizeland, having bin sent of late to her Majestie for some speciall affaires, are now to make their returne back againe over the seas, these shalbe to require you upon sight hereof to see them furnished of a convenient number of post horses for themselves and servauntes from place to place untill they comme to the sea side where they are to take shipping. and there to embarque themselves with such apparell, money and other necessities as they shall finde needefull and shall have cause to use in their said journey, without any search, hinderaunce or molestacion, and these thinges to do at prizes reasonable and accustomed.

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Signed as before.

*Sir R. Cecil
to go on a
mission to
France.*

A letter to Mr. Dr. Cæsar. Yt is well knowen to you that diverse of the French nation have made complaint of wronges pretended to be donne unto them by her Majesty's subjectes in spoiles committed on the seas, and that very many likewise of her Majesty's subjectes having bin spoiled by somme of the French nation and having followed their suites for remedie both in Fraunce and heere do nevertheless remaine unsatisfied. These matters have often comme in speach and meanes have bin thought on for redresse on both partes, but hitherto no course either begonne or intended hath comme to effect. The contynuaunce of the complaintes of diverse of her Majesty's subjectes doth justlie moove us to take somme order for their releefe, and because there is a good oportunitie offered at this tyme for the effectuall dealing in these matters in Fraunce with the French King, or with such of his officers and mynisters

as he shalbe pleased to appoint for this purpose, by meanes of an intent and resolucion that her Majestie hath to send me, her Secretarie, together with some other Comissioners for speciall affaires into Fraunce, her Majestie is pleased that knowledge shalbe taken of all the complaintes of any of her subjectes that finde themselves wronged and unsatisfied by the French in any spoile uppon the seas, to th'ende that conference being had on both partes concerning the complaintes somme order and course may be accorded and agreed on for satisfaccion to all parties. And forasmuch as it is thought good that Mr. Dr. Crompton shall goe over with me, her Majesty's Secretarie, to attend me with such remembraunces and informacions as appertaine to these matters, wee do therefore pray and require you (being best acquainted with these causes) to take order that all the particular complaintes that you know and have receaved of this kynd may be communicated and delivered to Mr. Dr. Crompton, and withall to cause notice to be given to the parties that have made complaint against the French that if they like of this course intended for their releefe they are to take somme order amonge themselves to defray the charges of the said Dr. Crompton, whome her Majestie is pleased to send over for the releefe and benefitt of the complaynantes, expecting that his expence in his journey shalbe defrayed by them. So, &c.

A letter to Mr. Boroughes, Comptroler of the Navie. Whereas diverse hoyes and woll vesselles were taken up to serve her Majestie in the late Voyadg under me, the Earle of Essex, for carrying of victualles into the Narrow Seas and to Plymouth, and two hoyes that carried biskett and other provision for the fleete, wee pray and require you to examyn the tonnage of the said shippes and how longe they have served, with the number of their marryners and all other such charges as doth appertaine thereunto, calling unto you the Sergeant of the Admiraltie who can informe you of the tyme of their taking up, and uppon accompt thereof by you taken and made to retorne a certificat of the same unto us, that wee may take somme order to

The
merchantmen
employed in
the Islands
Voyage.

procure meanes of satisfaccion unto those to whome payment is due for that service, whose humble petition exhibited to us for that purpose you shall receave heereinlosed. So, &c.

The defence
of Dartmouth.

A letter to the Mayour and cheefe officers and inhabitantes of Dartmouth. Wee have received a letter from you, the Mayour of Dartmouth, and certaine other inhabitantes of that towne, dated the second of this instant, whereby you have certified us of the great paynes that captaine George Carey hath taken among you to make such of the inhabitantes of your towne as are fitt to beare armes expert and serviceable, and do acknowledge the good that you have found and receaved by his traveile and instruccions both for the ease of your towne (the trayning and exercising of your men, being neere hand together, with the company of olde soldiers there abiding), and also for the more readynes and habilitie thereby to defend your selves and to do her Majestie service. Uppon this advertisement from you, as wee have written to captain George Carey and by our letters have signified our good liking of the course he hath taken amongst you and have required him to contynew the same, so wee do commend your forwardnes and willingnes to enable yourselves in such sort for her Majesty's service and your owne defence, and do well approve the order that is holden by him and you in the trayning and exercising of your men, wishing and requiring that the same may be still contynued as you shall see cause and finde meete oportunities, whereby you shall deserve thanckes and comendacion. And so, &c.

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A letter of
thanks.

A letter to captaine George Carey. Wee have bin certified by a letter from the Mayour of Dartmouth and certaine others of the cheif inhabitantes of that towne what paynes you have taken of late among them to make the said inhabitantes of that [town] expert and serviceable for their owne defence, if occasion shall require, both by your owne instruccions and good discipline and by the example of the company of old soldiers under your charge and there as yeat remayning, whome you do cause to be often trayned

and exercised amongst them. This course by you taken wee cannot but very well allow and commende, and as the inhabitantes themselves have by their letter acknowledged themselves beholding to you for your paynes, so wee do also give you thanckes in respect that you do therein her Majestie good service, praying and requiring you to contynew the same during your aboade there. And so, &c.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publique officers. Grain for London from Norfolk.
Whereas Frauncis Snelling of the cittie of London, brewer, hath bought for the service and provision of the cittie the quantitie of two hundred quarters of malte and one hundred quarters of wheate within that countie of Norfolke, and by reason of the generall restraint cannot be suffred to carrie awaie the same, notwithstanding he hath longe since, as he informeth us, payd readie money for it and everie parcell thereof. We have bin mooved uppon his humble suite to pray and require you (if the same may be spared without any great inconvenience to your countie) to permitt and suffer the said Frauncis Snelling or such persone as he shall appoint for that purpose to transport the quantities of wheate and malte above mentioned unto the cittie of London by such waies and meanes as he shall finde most convenient, especialy the said quantitie of two hundred quarters of malt, whereof he hath greatest use and which wee suppose the countie may best affoord. Otherwise wee require you to take order with the parties unto whome he hath disbursed and paid his money as aforesaid to make him repayment in such sorte as he may not be looser thereby. And so, &c.

13 January, 1597.

This day James Beauvoir of the Isle of Garnezey having bin bound by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, by vertue of their Lordships' letters to make his apparaunce before their Lordships hath performed the same accordingl[i]e, which for his indempnitie is heere entred, being nevertheles enjoyned to attend as the rest formerlie recorded for this cause. Appearance before the Council.

The
Hanseatic
merchants
forbidden to
trade in
England.

*This note was given by the Lord Treasurer and the rest of the Lords of the Counsaile to Mr. Wilford, Chamberlayne of London, to be delivered to such marchants, eyther English or straungers, as will require the same upon notice therof to them given, and appertayneth to the mandate of her Majestie for prohibition of the Hanze marchants to trade in England, &c. Commanded by the Lords here to be recorded.

Yt is to be understood that by this comaundement or mandate of the Queen's Majestie there is none of the subjectes of the King of Poland residing in this realme forbidden to contynue, but that they may abide and use their traffique in like sort in this realme as the subjectes of England are permitted to contynue their traffique in the domynions of the kingdom of Polonia, except there be any of the said kingdome of Polonia that pretending to be of the Hanzes shalbe manifestlie proved to have joyned with the Hanzes in the unjust and slaunderous complaint exhibited to the Emperour, whereuppon the merchauntes of England are in a sort banished out of Germany, for to suche it is no reason to shew other favour then is intended to the merchauntes of England in Germany.

† Received by me, Thomas Wilford.

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Sonday forenoone and afternoone. At the Court at Whitehall,
the xvth of January, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

An Irish
prisoner.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhopp, knight, to paye unto John Atkinson, servaunt to the Earle of Bathe, for his expences and charges in bringing one Cornelius MacShaw

* This entry is made in the form of a marginal note to the following entry.

† Original signature.

a Gully, an Irish prisoner, to the Court, the summe of viij^{li}. and xl^s. for the Mayour of Barstable for the dyett of the said prisoner before his sending up hether.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of England. Whereas
 uppon the humble suite of John Griffen and John Feild (that have presented the enclosed petitions unto us) we gave order of late to Mr. Dr. Cæsar and Mr. Quarles to consider whether it were meete to releve the said petitioners in the matter contayned and mentioned in their petitions and to certefie us thereof. Forasmuch as we have not yeat receaved anie certificatt of the premisses, so as we cannot determine whether they ought to be releevd therein (as afforesaid) or no, and in the meane tyme as it seemeth the matter is prosecuted before you in ordinarie course of law, we have thought good to praie and require your Lordship to make staie of anie further proceeding against them for this cause in that Court untill we shalbe satisfied by the said Mr. Dr. Cæsar and Mr. Quarles of their opinionnes herein and shall give you knowledge thereof accordinglie. And so, &c.

For stay
 of legal
 proceedings.

17 January.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary:

A letter to Sir Robert Gardyner, Justice Welsh and Sir Henrie Wallopp. Whereas the enclosed petition hath bin exhibited unto us by Elizabeth Cheshull, wife of one William Cheshull, in the which she complaineth that her said husbände hathe bin unjustlie molested in the possession of the castle, towne and landes called Kill Mac Kow in Irelande by the assignes of Sir Walter Raleigh, knight, who maketh claime thereunto as a parcell of his Signiorie, we having taken knowledg of the complaint by the said petition required Sir Walter Raleigh to make answeere thereunto, which he

Sir W.
 Raleigh's
 Irish
 property

hath accordinglie donne and hath sett downe the same in wryting subscrybed with his hand and indorsed uppon the petition, as you maie perceave. And for as much as the contrarietie betweene the complaint and answeare is such as we cannot well determine of the cawse, nether are we willinge to be trowbled here with matters of this kinde, which are more proper to receave triall and proceeding by course of justice in that realme where the difficulties on both partes maie be best discerned and discussed, we have thought good to commend the consideracion of the said petition unto you, praying and requiring you to heare and examine the said complaint and the matter in controversie betwixt the assignes of Sir Walter Raleigh and the said Cheshull, and calling before you together with the petitioner the assigne or officer of Sir Walter Raleigh, then uppon knowledg of such proofes and evidences as shalbe produced on either part the same to order and determine as you shall see just cause in the behalfe of the partie or parties that shalbe founde to have right, and so to proceede therein for a fynall end of the controversie as we maie not be trowbled with anie more suite touching the same. And so we bid, &c.

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Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter of
recommendation.

A letter to Sir Thomas Norreis, knight, President of Monster. We have receaved good commendacion of the good service that Henrie Cupper, gentleman, Clerke of the Crowne and other officers (*sic*) in Monster, hath donne to her Majestie since his preferment to that place to his great chardge, which are well knowen to you, of whom yt seemeth he hath bin most favorablie used, and sithence his late commyng over hither he hath sought out divers good presidentes and orders both here and in Wales for the better furtherance and advantage of her Majesty's services in his said offyces, for the ease of the countrie and

reducement of the subjectes there into a more civill and orderlie government, according to the order that is held here within her Majesty's realme. For the better dischardge whereof, the safetie of him selfe and the execucion of the same he is to depend uppon your favorable helpe and assistance, and therefore we have thought good to direct our letters of favor unto you in regard of the good reporte we do heare of the gentleman and his good endevors in his service there to recommend him unto you, and do praie you, considering the daungerous travelling, to assist him and his deputies in their lawfull endeavors according to justice and expedicion for the furtherance of her Majesty's said service, allowing unto him such reasonable fees and availes as are incydent to the said offices, which by his good service in so daungerous and trowblesome a countrie will verie well deserve the same, as also to take order in theis trowblesome tymes for his safetie against the rebells, being an espetiall officer that is trusted with her Majesty's recordes and casualties whom we wishe by your good means to be regarded and countenanced according to his place, having a great charge of children that depend uppon his good fortune, in such sort as you shall thinke fitt and convenient. And so we wishe you hartelie, &c.

A letter to the Lords Justices of Irelande. Whereas of late Sir John Chichester, knight, Capten of the Castle and garrison of Knockfergus in that realme of Ireland, lost his lyffe in her Majesty's service by the treacherie of some of the rebelles in that countrie, who is supposed to leave behinde him as well some monie as also goodes to a good valew, which maie be embeazeled and conveyd awaie to the losse and wronge of such person and persons to whom the same of right do appertayne unlesse some order be taken to prevent it. Forasmuch as we knowe of none that is more like to make just demaunde and to require an accompte of the said money and goodes as to the said Sir John Chichester appertayned at his deathe then his brother, Sir Arthure

The late
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property.

Chichester, unlesse the said Sir John disposed otherwise thereof before the tyme of his decease, and we are informed that some servaunt or servantes of the said Sir John Chichester have by waie of administracion or otherwise taken into their handes such money and goodes of their late maister as they could gett, of the which the said brother, Sir Arthur Chichester, is uncertaine whether they intend to give anie due accompte or reckoning, or rather meane to convert the same to their owne profitt, uppon the humble suite of the said brother, Sir Arthur, we have thought meete to wryte these our letters unto you in his behalfe, whereby we do earnestlie praie and require you to take order that examinacion and enquirie maie be made of all money and goodes (of what kinde soever) that belonged to Sir John Chichester at the tyme of his deathe, and that uppon such examinacion and accompte taken of the particulers the said money and goodes maie be sequestred and committed for safe custodie into the handes of some fitt person that maie be aunswereable for the same ether to Sir Arthur Chichester or to anie other unto whom it shall hereafter be found justlie to appertaine. Whereof we praie you to enforme your selves throughlie and to certefie us of your proceedinges, that thereuppon farther order and direccion maie be given for disposeing of the said money and goodes that shall happen so to be founde and sequestred as in right and equitie there shalbe cause. And so we bid, &c.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp. Whereas of late Sir John Chichester, knight, Capten of the Castle and garrison of Knockfergus in that realme of Ireland, lost his liffe in her Majesty's service by the treacherie of some of the rebelles in that countrie, who is supposed to have had certeine money due to him of his entertainment or pencions from her Majestie to be answered by you, as Treasurer of that realme. Forasmuch as we knowe of none that maie most (*sic*) justlie demaunde or claime the same or anie other some of money due to the said Sir John Chichester at the

tyme of his deathe then his brother, Sir Arthur Chichester, we have therefore thought meete uppon the humble suite of the said Sir Arthur to wryte these our letters unto you, whereby we do praie and require you to staie in your handes anie remainder of money that you shall finde to have bin due as afforesaid to the said Sir John Chichester at the tyme of his deathe, and so to forbear to make payement thereof to anie person or persons whatsoever that shall pretend right or interest thereunto untill you shall have certefied us what you finde to be so remayning unto him, and shall receave farther direccion for the disposing thereof ether to Sir Arthur Chichester or to anie other whom it shalbe founde justlie to appertaine. And so, &c. p. 144.

17 January, 1597.

Nicholas Carey of the Isle of Guernzey having made his apparaunce heere before the Lordes of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile and given his attendaunce on the said Lordes according to a bonde of 200^{li}. taken of him by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Capten of the said Isle of Guernzey, by warrant and direction of a letter written to the said Sir Thomas Leighton bearing date the 29 of November, 1597, from the said Lordes of her Majesty's Privy Counsell, is by the order of the said Lordes uppon hearing of the matter before them at the Counsell Table (for the which the said Nicholas Carey was bound to appeare before them) sett free and dyscharged from his attendance, so as the said Nicholas Carey may heereuppon hold himself freed from further attendaunce and returne at his will, which is testified and recorded in this manner for discharg of the said Carey's bonde and for his indempnitie in that behalf. Guernseymen released from attendance.

The like order for the discharge of Eleazar Marchaunt, James Beauvoir and John Patras, of whome the said Sir Thomas Leighton tooke bondes for their apparaunce of 100^{li}. a peece.

18 January.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

New Deputy
Lieutenants
for Cornwall.

A letter to the Lord Keeper. Whereas her Majestie fyndeth it needefull and hath an intencion forthwith to cause some fortification to be made at Faumouth for the better resistance against anie attempte that maie be made there by the enemie, and to add to the two companies of old soldiers that are alreadie there placed certaine other companies for the more strength and defence of the place so to be fortified and for the better safeguard of the countrie thereabouts, of which both fortificacion and companies her Majestie is pleased that Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, a man of verie approoved experience and service in her warres, shall have charge as Captaine of the fort and Collonel of the said companies. Forasmuch as if there shall happen anie espetiall cause of his service it wilbe necessarie not only for the captaines of the companies to followe his direccions, but also for the gentlemen and cheefe men of qualitie in the countrie to use and regard his advise and counsaile in their proceedings, which wilbe the better performed if auctoritie and reputacion be given him amongst them, we do therefore give your Lordship to understande that her Majestie is pleased that he shalbe putt into the Commission of the Deputie Leiutenantes of the countie of Cornewall, and do accordinglie praie your Lordship to renewe the Commission of Leiutenancy to Sir Walter Raleigh, knight, her Majesty's Leiutenante of the said countie, and therein to nomynatt and appoint Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, for one of his Deputie Leiutenantes together with the rest that have bin heretofore and are yeat Deputie Leiutenantes of the said countie. And forasmuch as the northe part of that countie (as we are informed) needeth some farther supplie and helpe for the execucion of her Majesty's service there, we have therefore in lyke sorte

thought it expedient that one more Deputie Leiutenante be added for the more readie accomplishment of her Majesty's service in that part of the countrie, namelie Barnard Greenvile, esquire, a man espetiallie recommended by her Majesty's Leiutenante of that countie and not unknowne unto us to be meete and sufficient for that place, and do also praie your Lordship in the renewing of the afforesaid Commission to insert and nomynatt him for a Deputie Leiutenante together with the rest according to the authoritie that your Lordship hath under the Great Seale of Englande in this behalfe. And so we, &c.

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Lieutenants
for Cornwall

18 January.

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Signed as before.

A letter to the Deputie Leiutenantes of Cornewall. Whereas her Majestie fyndeth it needefull and hath an intencion forthwith to cause some fortificacion to be made at Faumouth for the better resistance against anie attempte that maie be made there by the enemye, and to add unto the two companies of ould soldiers that are alreadye there placed certaine other companies for the more strenght and defence of the place so to be fortified and for the better safeguard of the countrie thereabouts, of which both fortificacion and companies her Majestie is pleased that Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, a man of verie approoved experience and service in her warres, shall have chardge as Captaine of the forte and Colonell of the said companies, and for his better authoritie and reputacion in the countrie hath bin pleased to give order that he shalbe made a Deputie Leiutenante together with you that are alreadye in Commission for that countie. Forasmuch as the charge that her Majestie giveth him in that place doth require and his long experience and knowledg in martiall service doth well deserve that he should in the managing of anie service there be well respected, we do therefore praie and require you in all

your accions and employementes in that countie as Deputie Leiutenantes (when soever convenientlie you maie) to use the advise and counsaile of the said Sir Nicholas Parker and to regard the same in such sorte as appertayneth to a man so chosen by her Majestie and so commended by us, and to acquaint him with such direccions from us and your proceedinges as have alreadie passed there in her Majesty's service, which, though we dowbt not but you will do of your owne accordes, yet for his better furtherance we thought meete to move you thereunto by this our letter. And so we bidd you, &c.

17 (*sic*) January.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescue.

The course
of law in
Guernsey.

A letter to the Bailiff and Jurattes of Guernzey. Whereas uppon informacion given unto us by one George Drake of Exceter, merchaunt, that he could not have due administration of justice in that Isle of Guernzey in a cause of controversie depending betwixt him of the one part and Henry Macham and Hillary Gosselin of the said Island of the other, wee wrate our letters unto you not longe sithence to take bondes of the said Macham and Gosselin for their personall apparance before us by the fowerth daie of March next, to the end the said cause might be heard and ordered heere. Now forasmuch as humble suite hath bin made unto us that they may be forborne of their said apparaunce for sondry reasons expressed in a certaine petition unto us for that purpose in their behalf, the which petition we referred to the consideracion of her Majesty's Solicitour there, who hath made reporte unto us of his opinion that the said Drake had noe just cause to complaine ether against Mackam (*sic*) or the Bayliffe and Juratts concerning their judiciall proceedinges in that matter, we have bin therefore mooved to yeld unto the suite made for the.

said Macham, and do accordinglie require you to forbear to take anie such bondes of him for his apparance as is before mentioned, or if you have alreadie taken the said bondes, that you see him forthwith discharged thereof and to cancell the same, whereof you may not faile.

Signed as the former.

A letter to Dr. Cæsar, Judg of the Admyraltie. Where-
as for the space almost of three yeares there hath contynued
before us an humble suite for some order from us to pro-
cure meanes for the redempcion of certaine captives, her
Majesty's poore subjectes, that were left prisoners longe agoe
by captaine Glemham in Argier, according to which suite
wee being mooved with a just commisseracion of the said
poore captives did carefullie give order in that behalf, as may
particulerly appeere by certaine letters and warrantes heere-
tofore written to that purpose. Now forasmuch as wee fynd
there hath bin no proceeding (in any of the courses formerlie
directed) to any effect, and have bin enformed that a shipp
called the Gallion Constance, now in the possession of
Alderman Wattes, ought by due course of justice and lawe
to be subject to arrest (which your self in our presence
have acknowledged unto us) by reason that the said shipp
was in consort with captaine Glemham when he committed
certaine spoiles on the seas and engaged the aforesaid poore
subjectes of her Majestie prisoners in Argier, so as the
shipp as well as any other goodes that are to be found
of the said captaine ought to be lyable to the payment of
such summes of money as are due towards the redemp-
cion of the captives, wee do therefore heereby require you
foorthwith and without any delaie to call the said Alderman
Wattes before you, and to take order with him presentlie
to lay downe in your handes *in deposito* (in the meane
while till the cause receave tryall) or in the handes of some
other meete person to be appointed by you, so much money
as shall countervaile the value of the shipp (the same
to be valued at the price that the shipp was preysed at)

The
redemption
of prisoners
in Algiers.

to th'ende the money may be employed toward the redempcion of the captives, or if he refuse so to do, then to cause the said shipp called the Galion Constance foorthwith to be arrested and due appreysment to be made of her, that the money thereof issuinge may be employd as is aforesaid, which wee pray you to see speedilie performed. And so, &c.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

An arbitra-
tion.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of England, Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas, Mr. Harbert and Mr. Dr. Cæsar. Whereas uppon complaint made unto us by one Ferris and others against George Ognell, gentleman, for sondry notable contemptes by him committed in breach of an order of the Court of Requestes and otherwise, wee caused him to be sent to the prison of the Fleete, where he had remayned some season. Forasmuch as the said Ognell hath humbly besought us that the matters in question may be examyned and heard by you the Lordes Cheefe Justices, togither with the Masters of Requestes, so as the same may be drawen to some indifferent end and order of agreement, wee therefore, allowing well of this course, have thought good to committ the consideracion of this cause unto you, praying and requiring you with some convenient expedicion to call the parties of both sides before you, and uppon knowledg taken of the state of the said cause to sett downe a finall ende and order therein betwixt them, such as you shall finde to be agreable both to law and equitie, which that the said parties may duellie observe and performe, wee have caused good bondes to be taken of them to stand to your arbitrement and order therein to be taken.

Two open placardes to all her Majesty's publique officers. That whereas Sir Robert Cecyll, knight, her Majesty's Secretarie, is sent in ambassage from her Majestie to the French Kinge, assisted with Mr. Herbert and Sir Thomas Wilkes, knight, as Comissioners, the said publique officers are required to see them and their retynew furnished with a convenient number of post horses and of necessarie cariadges for their provisions untill they comme to the sea side where they are to embarque.

Sir R. Cecil's
mission to
France.

A letter to the Lord Cobham to cause convenient shipping to be provided for the said Sir Robert Cecyll, &c.

Whereas Abraham Campion of the cittie of London, beerebrewer, hath bin charged with an accusacion to have solde and delivered certaine corrupt and unsavorie beere to the quantitie of thirtie two tonnes for the provision of her Majesty's Navie in the late Voyadge unto Spayne, whereuppon the said Abraham Campion having bin called before the Lordes and others of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile, he was enjoyned to give his daielie attendaunce on the Lordes for aunswering of the said accusacion and complaint untill he should by their order be freed and discharged thereof. Forasmuch as uppon due examynacion had thereof by their Lordships' order (Mr. Marmaduke Darrell, one of the Surveyours Generall of her Majesty's Navie, giving testimony and reporting what he knew thereof in their Lordships' presence) it seemed unto the Lordes that the said Abraham Campion had sufficientlie cleared himself of the said offence wherewith he was charged, yt was therefore this presente daie ordered by the Lordes and the rest of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile that he shall be no longer restrayned of his libertie in giving any farther attendaunce for this cause, but is and shalbe holden free and wholie discharged of any offence, blame or matter that hath bin imputed unto him and laid to his charge for and by reason of the aforesaid accusacion, and is and shalbe dismissed without any bonde or penaltie in that behalf.

Sour beer in
the Navy.

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The armour
and weapons
of the
dismissed
levies.

A mynute of letters to the Lordes Leiutenantes and Commissioners for taking the musters in the severall counties following. Whereas in this sommer last past there was sent and furnished out of the countie of *_____ a certaine number of soldiers which were employd in her Majesty's service under the commaundement of me, the Earle of Essex, in the Voyadge to Spayne, wee have thought good to let you understand that as you did well performe your partes in the settinge foorth and furnishing of the said soldiers for the service of her Majestie, so there hath bin likewise, for the better contentment and satisfaccion of the contrie, as good care (as might be) had and used not onlie for the sending of the men into the countrie againe after their returne and arrivall, but also for the safe keeping and aunsweringe of all such armes and furnitures as could by any meanes be saved and were brought backe into England. Wherein as the speciall care appertayned to me, the Earle of Essex, by the place and charge I then held of her Majesty's Generall, so for my part I did my best endeavour to discharge the same by causing uppon the arrivall the armes to be gathered, vewed and sorted, and an accompt to be taken of them as I found them to belonge to the severall counties, and uppon the vew and accompt the same to be delivered for safe custodie to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, into the forte at Plymouth, amonge which it appeareth that there are remayning for that countie of *_____ so many armes and furnitures, or parcelles of furnitures, as are mencioned in the botome of this letter heereunder written. Whereof wee do give you notice that you may thereuppon consider what is most meete to be donne for the good of the countrie, and accordinglie resolve either to send for the said armes from Plymouth (as you may do, and receave them againe from thence by order from us), or elles suffer them to remaine there to be used againe in her Majesty's

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service in the behalf of that countie when there shalbe other occasion of employment, and the countrie thereby discharged for such a proportion at any tyme heereafter. Which of these two courses shall seeme best unto you and most agreeable to the desire and contentment of the countrie, the same wee shall approove, and will upon advertisement from you give order for it accordinglie. And so, &c.

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and weapons
of the
dismissed
levies.

Southampton	Armours	-	39	Captain Warberton	Delivered to Robert Browne
Lord Marques	Pikes	-	39		
Lord Mountjoy	Muskettes	-	20		
	Callivers	-	30		
	Head peeces		55		
Dorsett	Armours	-	33	Captain Willyams	
Lord Marques	Pikes	-	38		
	Muskettes	-	28		
Devon	Armours	-	29	Captain Alley	
[Earl] of Bathe	Pikes	-	30		
	Muskettes	-	12		
	Callivers	-	6		
	Flaskes and touchboxes		13		
	Bandealers	-	6		
	Head peeces		48		
Lord Chandois	Armours	-	50	Captain Pynner	
Gloucester	Pikes	-	50		
	Muskettes	-	40		
Earl of	Armours	-	66	Captain Salisbury	Delivered to Rafe Mason
Pembroke	Pikes	-	57		
Hereford	Muskettes	-	43		
	Flaskes and touchboxes		20		
Earl of	Armours	-	44	Sir Oliver Lambert	
Pembroke	Muskettes	-	16		
Wiltes	Callivers	-	4		

The armour
and weapons
of the
dismissed
levies.

Somerset	{ Armours - 41 Pikes - - 43 Muskettes - 39 Head peeces 38 Restes - - 14 Bandeleers - 2 }	Captain Panton	Delivered to Rafe Mason
Somerset	{ Armours - 45 Pikes - - 40 Muskettes - 33 Head peeces 13 }	Captain Morgan	
Somerset	{ Armours - 32 Pikes - - 38 Muskettes - 38 }	Captain Davies	
Warwick Com- missioners	{ Armours - 20 Pikes - - 15 Muskettes - 31 }	Captain Norton	
Earl of Kent Bedford	{ Armours - 38 Pikes - - 38 Muskettes - 40 Head peeces 47 }	Captaine Allen	Delivered to John Sharpe
Lord Northe Cambridg	{ Armours - 48 Pikes - - 48 Muskettes - 30 Callivers - 10 }	Captain Garrett	
Essex Lord Treasurer	{ Armours - 27 Pikes - - 33 Muskettes - 29 Head peeces 39 }	Captain Keemys	Delivered to John Sharpe
	{ Armours - 30 Pikes - - 30 Muskettes - 30 }	Captain Harvey	
	{ Armours - 34 Pikes - - 34 Gorgettes - 28 Muskettes - 43 Callivers - 4 Bandeleers - 35 }	Lord Mountjoye	

Norfolk Commissioners	{	Armours	-	45	{	Captain Errington	The armour and weapons of the dismissed levies.
		Pikes	-	45			
		Muskettes	-	22			
		Armours	-	38			
		Muskettes	-	35			
		Armours	-	43			
Suffolke Commissioners	{	Pikes	-	43	{	Captain Jackson	
		Burgonets	-	43			
		Muskettes	-	39			
		Armours	-	35			
		Pikes	-	33			
		Muskettes	-	35			
London Lord Mayor	{	Callivers	-	7	{	Captain Bingley	
		Armours	-	41			
		Pikes	-	34			
		Muskettes	-	42			
		Callivers	-	6			
		Head peeces		68			
Kent Lord Cobham	{	Gorgettes	-	15	{	Captain Rushe	
		Armours	-	105			
		Pikes	-	112			
		Muskettes	-	115			
		Murryans	-	70			
		Armours	-	28			
	{	Pikes	-	28	{	Captain Leigh	
		Muskettes	-	37			
		Armours	-	43			
		Pikes	-	45			
		Muskettes	-	35			
		Head peeces		12			
	{	Restes	-	12	{	Captain Wyatt	
		Bandealers	-	18			
		Armours	-	39			
		Pikes	-	30			
		Muskettes	-	22			
		Head peeces		39			
	{	Armours	-	40	{	Captain Diggs	
		Pikes	-	40			
	{	Armours	-	40	{	Captain Wilford	
		Pikes	-	40			

Sussex	Lord Admyrall	Armours	-	41	Captain Cawfeild
		Pikes	-	37	
		Muskettes	-	40	
and Lord Buckhurst		Armours	-	38	Captain Parker
		Pikes	-	45	
		Muskettes	-	39	
		Head peeces		25	
Surrey	Lord Admyrall	Armours	-	38	Captain St. Johns
		Pikes	-	34	
		Muskettes	-	30	
		Head peeces		17	
Oxford	Lord Norreys and Mr. Comptroler	Armours	-	51	Sir Thomas Knollys
		Pikes	-	59	
		Muskettes	-	32	
		Head peeces		16	
Berkes	Lord Norreys and Mr. Comptroler	Armours	-	35	Captain Conwaye
		Pikes	-	35	
		Muskettes	-	32	
		Bandealers	-	32	
Buckingham Comissioners		Armours	-	37	Captain Waynman
		Pikes	-	37	
		Muskettes	-	28	

Release of
a brewer.

A warrant to the Keeper of [the] prison of the Marshallsey to enlarge and sett at libertie Goeffrey Duppa of London, beerebrewer, now remayning in his custodie.

Dated 21 January.

Windbound
troops at
St. Valery.

A letter to Sir Henry Poore, knight, second colonell of her Majesty's forces in Picardy, that whereas direccion had bin heeretofore given for the companies remayning at St. Valerie's to be there embarqued and from thence to be transported into Ireland for her Majesty's service there, and shipping was appointed for that purpose to be sent from hence for their transportacion. Forasmuch as by the contrarietie of wynd and weather the said shipping could not hitherunto passe to St. Valerie's, and for that their Lordships

were informed that the haven of that place was dangerous to enter, their Lordships have therefore thought meete that the said companies shall now march from St. Valerie's to Deipe, there to be imbarqued for Ireland, whereof he should receave notice by somme small barque or crayer to be sent purposelie unto him when the shipping wherein the companies are to be imbarqued shall take course toward Diep. So, &c.

A *postscripte* added that he should not make the soldiers acquainted that they were to passe into Ireland but to keepe that private to himself.

Dated 21 January.

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A letter to Mr. Burroughes, Comptroler of the Navie, to give order that the shipping that was appointed before to passe to St. Valerie's for the transportacion of the soldiers there into Ireland should now be directed to take their course for Diepe, whither the said soldiers were now appointed to comme there to be imbarqued, and that he should send somme small barque or crayer unto St. Valerie's to Sir Henry Poore to give him knowledge of this new appointment and order taken by their Lordships, and of the tyme when the shipping should be ready to meete the said soldiers at Diep.

Transports
to be sent
to Dieppe.

22 January, 1597.

This daie Hugh Walley of the parishe of St. Andrewe's under Shafte in London, merchaunt, having bin bound by Alderman Barneham, Collectour of the Loane for that cittie, to make his apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswere his refusall to lend the somme of xx^{li}. required by her Majesty's Privie Seale hath made his apparaunce accordingly, which for his indemnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned to give his daiely attendaunce on their Lordships and not to departe untill by their honours' order he shall be dismissed.

Refusals to
contribute
the Loan.

22 January, 1597.

The same daie William Shute of St. Dunstone's in the East of the cittie of London, merchaunt, having bin bownd for the like cause in refusing to lend 100^{li}. required by her Majesty's Privy Seale hath made his apparaunce accordingle, and is enjoyned to attend as the former.

22 January.

The same daie Henry Tripp of St. Faithe's in London, clerk, being bownd for refusing to lend xx^{li}. hath made his apparaunce, &c.

Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, the 22 of January.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

A Brownist
reprieved
from
execution.

Wind.
troops.
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A letter to the Recorder and Sheriffes of London. Whereas wee understand that one Thomas Nelmes, a condemned prisoner in Newgate for publishing sedicious bookes, is like shortlie to be put to execucion according to the sentence of justice given against him (the said Nelmes being of the profession or heresie of the Brownistes), these are to let you understand that wee have thought meete for somme speciall consideracions that the said Nelmes shalbe reprived untill the next Sessions for Newgate, and do therefore pray and require you to take order that he may be so reprived, as is aforesaid, and forborne from execucion, to th'end that his offence being farther considered of it may be by humble suite presented unto her Majestie either to have pardon by her mercie or to receive justice. And so, &c.

22 January.

This daie William Mountgomery of Sherrington in the countie of Buckingham, gentleman, having bin enjoined by the Collectour of the Loane of that countie to make his apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswere his refusall to lend the summe of 25^{li.} demaunded by her Majesty's letters of Privie Seale hath made his apparaunce accordingly, which for his indempnitie is heere recorded, being nevertheless enjoined to give his daielie attendaunce on their Lordships, and not to departe without their Lordships' license.

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contribute to
the Loan.

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These three letters following signed by

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Earl of Essex.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Tresuror.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Northe.	

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London. Whereas complaint hath bin made unto us by certaine cittizeens of London and diverse other of her Majesty's subjectes dwelling abroad in the countie against somme merchautes straungers of the Stillyard that (by colour and pretence of the commandement latelie given out by her Majestie for the departure of such merchantes out of the realme as do belonge to the Hans Townes) either have alredie withdrawn themselves secreatlie or elles meane so to do (as the petitioners have informed us), intending thereby to defraude her Majesty's said subjectes of sondry debtes and summes of money from the said merchautes due unto them. For the preventing of this fraude and wrongfull dealing (if the informacion given us be found true) wee have thought meete to referr all and everie of the complaynantes unto your Lordship to informe and give you knowledg of the particuler demaundes and debtes by them claymed, praying and

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requiring you with all convenient speed to cause their demaundes of the said debtes to be perused and examyned (calling unto you the Alderman of the Stillyard that he may be privye unto the complaintes of the fraude so intended by the merchauntes of the Stillyard unto her Majesty's subjectes), and to take order that such merchauntes of the Stillyard as shalbe found to be indebted unto any of the complaynantes for any summes of money alreadie due and unpaid may give sufficient assurance for the due payment and satisfaccion of the said summes of money unto the said complaynantes, or elles be arrested, both themselves and such goodes as they shalbe knowen to have in the cittie. And if it shalbe found that any of the said merchantes so indebted have alreadie withdrawen themselves and are gone awaie, wee do pray and require your Lordship to cause enquirie and search to be made for any such goodes as the parties that are so gone have left behinde them, and to cause the same to be arrested and sequestred for the better satisfaccion of her Majesty's subjectes to whome they are indebted. Whereby our meaninge is not that the persons or goodes of any of the said merchauntes of the Stillyard that are not so indebted shalbe any waies touched or restrayned for those that are the debtours, but that this our direccion unto your Lordship shall appertaine onlie to the debtours themselves, by whome it is meete that right be donne unto her Majesty's subjectes without fraude, as they would expect that the said subjectes should do unto them. And so praying your Lordship to take care for the accomplishment of the premisses, wee bidd you.

A letter to the Serchours of London and Gravesend. Whereas complaint is exhibited unto us by diverse clothiers and other her Majesty's subjectes against some of the Stillyard by whome there are great summes of money owing to those her Majesty's subjectes, and those strangers of the Stillyard do (*sic*) defraude her Majesty's subjectes (as they informe us) somme of them secreatlie do withdraw

themselves out of the realme. Uppon the humble suite of these her Majesty's subjectes, wee have bin mooved to require you to cause staie to be made of such of the Stillyard as latelie are secreatly departed from London, with purpose to convey themselves out of the realme to the defrauding of her Majesty's subjectes, and to certifie us the names of those you shall so staie, wherein wee require you to do your best endeavours. So, &c.

A letter to the Lord Cobham. Whereas wee are informed by the complaint of diverse clothier[s] and other her Majesty's subjectes that certaine of the Stillyard who do owe great summes of money unto the said clothiers and other her Majesty's subjectes do goe about secreatlíe to withdraw themselves out of the realme, thereby to defraude her Majesty's subjects of those summes owing unto them, uppon this complaint wee have thought good to pray your Lordship to take presente order that such persons of any of the Hans Townes as shall withdraw themselves out of the realme in this manner may be stayed in any of the portes where they be found under your Lordship's Wardenry, and the names of such persons as shalbe stayed sent unto us, wherein wee pray your Lordship to give speedie direction. And so wee bidd, &c.

A letter to Sir Walter Raleigh, knight, Lieutenant of Cornwall or in his absence to his Deputie Lieutenantes. Whereas her Majestie fynding it needefull to cause somme fortificacion to be made at Faulmouth for the better defence of that port and the country thereaboutes, and havinge given order for the accomplishment therof with as mucche speed as may be used, is pleased also for the more strength of that place that unto somme companies that are alreadie there placed of olde soldiers latelie arrived in the West Partes upon the returne of her forces from the late Voyadge from Spayne certayne other companies shalbe added, which are to be taken from other portes where they are yeat remayninge, namelie from Plymouth two companies, the one of captain Randall Brett and the other of captain

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Augustin Heath, from Waymouthe one company of captaine Josias Bodley, and one likewise from Dartmouth which was latelie the company of Sir Thomas Sherley the younger, and now assigned unto capten Tobie Cawfeild, which said fower companies with their captaines and officers have direccion to be at Falmouth by the xxth daie of February next or thereabouts (unlesse they shall have in the meane tyme other direccion from us). Wee have therefore thought good to give you knowledg thereof that you may understand of her Majesty's speciall care to provide for the safetie of that countrie and of her subjectes in the same, and that you may the better consider and provide for the disposing and convenient lodging of the said companies of soldiers in meete places neere and about Falmouth untill the fortification be raised and brought unto perfection, for which purpose wee do thinke Perin and Trewro and the villages of St. Mawes to be most meete. Howbeit wee do not heerein prescribe exactlie unto you the places, but do referr it to your discrecion, not doubting but that you will convenientlie dispose of them in such places as may best serve for the releif of their necessities and for their readynes to be employd in her Majesty's service. And so, &c.

A letter to captaine Josias Bodley. Whereas her Majestie having appointed somme fortification to be made in Falmouth for the better defence of that port and of the countrie thereabouts is also pleased that the number of the companies of olde soldiers shalbe there encreased, you shall understand that your company now abiding at Weymouth is appointed to remoove thence to Falmouth, and there or in somme place thereabouts as shalbe assigned by the Leiutenant or Deputie Leiutenantes of the countie of Cornewall contynew untill farther order shalbe taken to dispose of them otherwise. Wee do therefore require you to prepare and put in order your said company with their armes and furnitures to goe unto Faulmouth, and to marche thither in such sort as your self and your company may be there by the

xxth daie of Februarie next, where order is taken for their farther entertainment, and for an imprest of three weekes or thereabouts to your self and your company for your better marching to Falmouth wee have given order by our letters to the Customer of Weymouth, Thomas Bellott, to supplie you therewith. So, &c.

A letter to captaine Cawfeild. Whereas her Majestie is pleased that the number of the companies of soldiers now abiding at Falmouth shalbe encreased with addicion of somme other companies to be taken from other portes in the West Partes where they were appointed to be placed, amonge the which the company of Sir Thomas Sherley the younger placed in Dartmouth (which being yealded up by him wee have thought good to commit to your charge), is named and set downe to be one, and it is thought needefull that the same (like as the rest) shalbe at Falmouth by the 20 of February. Wee do therefore require you to take speedie order that the said company with their armes and furnitures may be in readynes to remoove from Dartmouth unto Falmouth, and to cause them to march thither in suche tyme as they may be there by the said day before mentioned, and for the disposing and lodging of them in some convenient place thereabouts you shalbe directed by the Deputie Leiutenantes of Cornewall, unto whome wee have written our letters in that behalf, where the same course shalbe holden for the entertainment of your self and your company that hath bin hitherto at Dartmouth. And so, &c.

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This daie Degorie Holman of Plymmouth in the countie of Devon, merchaunt, having bin sent for by warrant from the Lord Admyrall and Sir John Fortescue hath made his apparaunce accordingly, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned to give his attendaunce on their honours from tyme to tyme, till by their order he shalbe dismissed.

Appearance
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Council.

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A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. You shall understand that her Majestie having given order for somme fortificacion to be made at Falmouth for the better defence of that porte and the countrie thereabouts is also pleased that somme more companies of the olde soldiers which arrived of late in the West Countrie from the Voyadge from Spayne shalbe added unto those companies that are already at Falmouth, and it is thought good that two companies shalbe remooved thither from Plymouth, namelie the companies of capten Randall Brett and capten Austin Heath to march thence to Falmouth and to be there by the xxth daie of February or thereabouts, of whose coming thither we have given notice unto the Deputie Leiutenantes of Cornewall that they may before hand consider and provide for the lodging and disposing of the said companies. Wee do therefore pray and require you uppon receipt of this our letter to take order for the departure of the two companies aforenamed from Plymmouth in such sort as they may be at Falmouth by the tyme appointed and before mentioned, where like course is taken for their entertainment as hath bin at Plymouth. Of this our direccion the said captaines are to have knowledg by this our letter written unto you, wherewith you are to make them acquainted. And so, &c.

A letter to Thomas Bellott, Customer of Weymouth. Whereas wee have given order by our letters to captaine Bodley to remoove his company of soldiers (that were of late placed at Weymouth) unto the port of Falmouth or unto somme such place neere unto the said porte as shalbe assigned unto him by the Deputie Leiutenantes of the countie of Cornwall, and to marche thither in such tyme as he may be there by the xxth daie of February or thereabouts. Forasmuch as it shalbe needefull that the said captaine Bodley be furnished with somme meanes for the leading and remooving of his said company from your port to Falmouth, wee do therefore pray and require you to deliver or cause to be delivered unto the said

captaine Bodley for himself and his company the summe of three score poundes and ten shillings, to serve by waie of imprest for the space of three weekes (the same to begyn after the expiracion of the tyme for the which payment hath bin there alreadie made unto him and them), and to send a certificat by somme meete person unto John Meredith, Deputie Paymaster of the companies in the West Partes abiding at Plymmouth, of such money as shalbe by you so paid and delivered, to th'end that he may thereuppon and afterward make farther payment accordinglie. And of the said lx^{li}. x^s by you so disbursed you shall receave repayment and satisfaccion without delay heere in London by William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces, uppon the demaund of your self or any other appointed by you to receave the same.

A note of the companies remooved to Falmouth.

13 January	{	Captaine Josias Bodley	-	-	from Waymouth.
		The company late of Sir Thomas			
		Sherley the younger and now			} from Dartmouth.
		assigned to captaine Cawfeild			
		Captain Randall Brett	-	-	} from Plymouth.
Captaine Heathe	-	-			

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knichtes, and Christopher Harris, esquire, appointed to oversee the fortificacions intended at Falmouth, viz.:—

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of Falmouth.

Whereas her Majestie hath thought good for the better defence of her subjectes of that countie of Cornewall that a convenient fortificacion shalbe presentelie made uppon the haven of Falmouth, wherewith you, Sir Nicholas Parker, are made acquainted, to whome the charge thereof is committed, her Majestie hath thought meete that you also with Sir Frauncis Godolphin and Christopher Harris should have the oversight of the laying out of such money as is appointed

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for the same, and accordingly you shall receave presentelie the summe of cc^{li}. to be by you conveyd downe to Falmouth to serve for a begynning of the woorkes intended to be donne there.

The said summe of cc^{li} uppon your arrivall there you shall deliver to Sir Frauncis Godolphin, who is thought meete to have the charge as well thereof as of all such other summes of money as shalbe sent thither from tyme to tyme for the said fortificacions, and with your privitie and of the said Christopher Harris to issue the same as the woorkes shall require, and joynctlie with you to yeald accompt of such summes as for that purpose shalbe delivered to you.

Uppon your comminge thither you shall immediatelie after conference had with them and with Paule Ivey (who is appointed to goe downe with you as Cheefe Engyner or Worke Master) consider what part of the said cc^{li}. is needfull presentelie to be disbursed to begynn the said workes, and thereof make certificate to me, the Lord Treasurer, under your three handes, and so likewise shall contynew to make weekly certificates of such summes of money as shalbe requisite for the proceeding of the said woorkes, who thereuppon will according to her Majesty's warrant to me directed give order for money to be delivered to you.

It is thought meete also that the said Paule Ivey, as well for his owne discharge as for the better accompt to be yealded to her Majestie of the issuinge of her treasure, shall by you be made privie from tyme to tyme of the expending of such summes of money as shall come to your handes for the said workes, and thereof to keepe a cowntre rolle or booke to be certified to me, the Lord Treasurer.

And whereas her Majestie hath thought meete for the better enhabling of you, Sir Nicholas Parker, to execute the charge committed to you and to governe her forces appointed there to reside you should be made one of her

Deputie Leiutenantes, as your other two assistantes are, it is expected by her Majestie as well that they shall give you such assistaunce and advice uppon all occasions concerning the good government and quiett of her Highnes' people there as shalbe best for the furthuraunce of her service, they being acquainted with the state of that countrie, and you therein conforme your selfe to that which shalbe reasonable, and also that they in any martiall service, yf by the landing of the enemye or otherwise any such shall fall out, shall yeald to your direccion and advice such respect as to your experience and skill therein doth belonge, and that in all thinges you hold correspondency and good agreement for her Majesty's service.

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Signed :

Lord Treasurer. Lord Chamberlayne.

Lord Admirall. Sir William Knollys.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas requireing him to cause stay of execution to be made of one Thomas Nelmes, a condempned prisoner in Newgate (for publishing a lewd and seditious booke), and to take order for the repriving of him untill farther order and direction shold be given from their Lordships. A reprieve.

25 January.

Lord Archbishop. Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Treasurer. Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex. Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete. Whereas uppon bonde taken of George Ognell, gentleman, for the performance of such order as wee have prescribed to be observed and followed by him concerning the matter for the which he was committed and as yeat remayneth prisoner in your custodie, yt is now thought meete that he shalbe discharged Release from the Fleet.

of any farther imprisonment for that cause. These shalbe therefore to require you uppon receipt heerof to enlarge and sett him at libertie, paying such ordinarie fees and duties as are by him due unto you. And so, &c.

25 January.

Signed as before with addicion of the Lord Northe.

An arbitra-
tion.

A letter to the Lord Cheif Justice of England, Lord Cheefe Baron of the Exchequer, Mr. Harbert and Mr. Dr. Cæsar. Whereas uppon complaint made unto us by one Ferris and others against Georg Ognell, gentleman, for somme notable contemptes by him committed in breach of an order of the Court of Requestes and otherwise we caused him to be sent to the prison of the Fleete, where he hath remayned somme season. Forasmuch as the said Ognell hath humblie besought us that the matters in question betwixt the said Ferris and him may be examyned and heard by you, the Lord Cheif Justice and the Lord Cheif Baron together with the Masters of Requestes, so as the same may be drawen to somme indifferent ende and order of agreement, wee therefore allowing well of this course have thought good to committ the consideracion of this cause unto you, praying and requiring you with somme convenient expedicion to call the parties of both sides before you, and uppon knowledge taken of the state of the said cause to sett downe a finall ende and order therein betwixt them such as you shall fynd to be agreable both to law and equitie, which that the said parties may duellie observe and performe wee have caused good bondes to be taken of them to stand to your arbitrement and order therein to be taken. So, &c.

Relief for a
crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Justices of Peace and Treasurours for maymed soldiers in the countie of Devon whereby they were required to take order for satisfaccion to be made unto one Nicholas Sharpley, a poore maymed soldier, of a yearelie pencion heeretofore graunted him in that countie, which now was denyed him by the Treasurours for those colleccions in the said countie.

Signed by

Lord Treasurer.	Sir William Knollis.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlayne.	Sir Jhon Fortescue.

A letter to Sir Francis Godolphin and Christopher Harris. Public
property at
Pendennis
Castle.
 Wheras it hath pleased her Majestie to ordayne and
 appoint by her letters patents Sir Nicholas Parker, knight,
 Captain of the castle and forte of Pendennis, in which
 castle he is commanded to settle him self and to attend
 the service of her Majestie there. Forasmuch as in the
 sayde castle (which hath bin lately in the custodie of
 Jhon Killegrey, esquire), there are remayning divers habilli-
 ments of warre and other provisions belonging to the castle
 which do appertayne unto her Majestie, and it may be
 that there are also somme thinges that are the proper
 goodds of the sayde Jhon Killegrey, wee do therfore pray
 and require you to cause a vew and survey to be made
 of all such thinges as are remayning in the sayde castle,
 and to give order that anie goodds of Mr. Killegrey that
 you shall finde there remayning may be forthwith remooved
 thence to his owne house, and that all other thinges in
 the castle appertayning to her Majestie may be delivered
 by indenture to Sir Nicholas Parker, to be used in her
 Majesty's service there and that he may be answerable for
 them, and of the particulars which you shall finde meete
 to be expressed in the indenture to certifie us. And
 so, &c.

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A letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland, the Erle of Ormond, Lieutenant Gennerall for martyall causes in that realme, and the rest of the Councell there. Wee have received by the handes of the Erle of Thomound the letters of the third of this monneth from the two Lords Justyces and you, the Erle of Ormond, Lieutenant Gennerall of the army, with fower others of that Councell written at

A reply to
letters from
Ireland.

good length contayning sondry matters whereof you require to be answered by us of her Majesty's determynacion, and according to your requestes we have imparted to her Majesty your said letters and all other wrytinges brought hether as they be mencioned in your said letters, and after her Majesty's perusall and our reporte thereof her pleasure was that wee should presently retorne you some answeere for your satysfaction, and for that purpose we will in theis our letters followe orderly to give you answeere to all the partes of your letters requiring any answeere.

The
negotiations
with Tyrone.

Fyrst, where you, the Erle of Ormond, have after your retorne from the parly had with Tyrone (wherein you were assysted by the Bishop of Meth and Sir Geffrey Fenton) made the Counsell there acquainted with your manner of dealing with the said rebell of Tyrone, her Majestie lyketh well of your orderlie reporte in presenting of the rebell's submyssion and answeere to certayne articles prescribed by you by the rebell subscribed, and lykewyse the delivery of a booke of his greivaunces with some petycions of his, all which you have sent hether with your opinion of your dyslyking of certaine poyntes contayned in his booke of greivances and in his petycions also. For which respect you, the Lord Lieutenant, with your assistantes did not onlie reprove him but did reject the articles, wherein her Majestie doth very well allowe your dyscretion and judgment. And therefore as you did in reproving of him lett him understand that you meant not to receive and present them, so whensoever you shall have any newe occasion to deale with hym you shall do well to lett him knowe his insolency and pride that professeth himself to be a subject, as he is borne, and yet to open his mouthe in reprehencion of the state and government of the realme, to ympeache the lawe and to impugne her Majesty's regall authority for matters not pertayning to himself nor to his owne private estate.

And considering by his submyssion he requireth to receive her Majesty's mercy and pardon, knowledging his

disobedyence and dysloyalty and his repentance for the same, there may be sufficient matter therupon deduced by you against theis his insolent complaintes and petitions, and looking to his owne estate dyrect him to followe that course of his submyssion to require her Majesty's mercy and pardon, and as he is and would be accompted a subject, to deale only in offring his obedience and to lyve in peace as becometh a subject, and thereby to recover her Majesty's pardon and consequently to be restored to his estate and lyvelihood which he had before his defection.

The
negotiations
with Tyrone.

And thoughe in answeare to the first artycle prescribed unto him for himself and all others his parteners to keepe the peace for the tyme of the abstynence, being viij weekes, he agreeth thereto, but with a condicion that the lyke be observed towards him and his parteners, yet therein he sheweth himself to be an heade of a faction and forgetteth the words of his submission, taking upon him therein as a patrone of others, being offendours, whereas he might be reasonably allowed to be an humble petitioner for them to have her Majesty's pardon as himself upon his repentance might and maie have. But for further argumentes to reprove his insolency (considering yourselves do worthely condemn the same) we meane not further to informe you howe upon the next parly he may be thoroughly taught to understand his fault, and yet so to deale therein as he may not be put in any desperacion but in assurance and hope of her Majesty's favor and contynuance of the same by his restytucion to his former estate, and therein to be mayntained as long as he shall by his obedyent behavior deserve the same. And to further yt he may also be assured that as many of his complyces as have offended with him p. 156. as shall by his example and submyssion do the lyke for themselves and their adherentes shall also receive her Majesty's pardon upon their submyssions, and shall also have restytucion of their former estates, for so yt is her Majesty's meaning, yelding the lyke obedyence to her Majestie as they did before their defection.

The
negotiations
with Tyrone.

And now for your further proceeding herein to bring yt to some good end her Majestie findeth no cause to chaunge her former dyrections given to you both by her Majesty's letters dated the xxixth of the last monneth and also by our letters written about the same tyme both to you, the Lords Justyces, and to you, the Lord Lieutennant, which were written at great length and upon good consultacion, which letters we well perceive by theis of yours now sent were not come to you at the coming away of the Erle of Thomound, wherby you could not shewe your opinions howe you did accept those her Majesty's dyrections and our advyses, or otherwyse what you should thincke requysyte further to be added thereunto. And therefore nowe at this present her Majesty without change of her former determynacion would have both you, the Lords Justyces, and you, the Lieutenant Gennerall, procede for th'execucion of the said dyrections, and considering the state of that realm, howe chargeable and dangerous a matter yt is to have this rebellyon contynued, her Majesty is moved in compassion of the myseries of that realme to extend her mercy and favor in a larger sorte then otherwyse the offences of her rebels by anie kynde of submyssion can deserve. And therefore yf in treating further with hym to induce him to assent to all the articles prescribed by her Majesty, which were in nomber xiiij^{en}, thoughe some of them are very necessary to be urged and obtayned, yet as in the last article mencion is made that yf he shall refuse to yelde to all those articles and yet shall yelde to so many of them as shall appeare necessarie to give assurance of his loyalty and obedyence, that assurance being well had by good pledges and by dysarming of his extraordinary forces, he maie for the present tyme be forborne to yelde to the other harder pointes that shall not be so necessary, hoping that when he shall taste of her Majesty's favor and be well satisfied with assurance for contynuaunce of the same he maie hereafterward yelde more franckly to the rest of the artycles now prescribed unto him.

And herein you of the Councell and you, the Lord Lieutenant, may do well to dyrect your advyses howe to obtayne the best condycions that tyme may permytt, and yf the contrary shall followe either by your overstryctnes in your advise or by his insolency, whereby the troubles of that realme shall contynue, your partes are as Councillours and best acquainted with that state to give her Majesty some good accompt howe to procede towards the reduction of that realme out of the danger and mysery wherein yt manifestly appeareth to be and by your wryting is more lykely to encrease.

Wee are glad to perceive that the fort at Blackwater is vyctualled for some reasonable tyme, and are sory to see her Majesty's forces so weake as out of xvij companies you could not drawe forthe 600 men meet to go to the feild, and the like defectes seeme to be in Connagh and other partes of the realme, thoughe thereof no certaine declaration is made unto us. And so we well see by some books sent nowe unto us a strange and uncertayne declaration dyffering in the bookes sent hether signed by Sir Raffe Lane, whereof the one contayneth a monstrous declaration of the nombers of all men in pay to be 9,904, and the monnethly chardg xj^m iiij^c v^{li}. *sterling*, suche a booke as never was warrantable, as wee thincke, synce the first conquest of Ireland. And yet yf that monstrous certyficat should be accepted there is to be added to that chardge a losse to her Majesty in prices of vyctuell of above 1,000^{li}. a monneth, for so yt is to be gathered by the Vyctualler's certyficat lately made, wherein is containd that her Majesty hathe ben charged for overprice of vyctuals to the army with above xij^m ^{li}. in expending of xxiiij^m.

The excessive cost and scanty numbers of the army.

And besides this excessive booke there is another sent unto us, signed also by Sir Raffe Lane, contayning p. 157. 674 horsemen and 7,500 footmen, the same being nombred as they be in the rolls without any manner of deduction either for absentes or defycientes. And lykewyse a third booke, signed by him also, contayning in a totall number

2,060 footmen and 219 horsemen, in which booke all the captens serving in Ulster, having chardge most of them of 100th, the same are so defycient as many of them have not above fyfty and some scant thirty. The veiwe of all which three varyous papers thus certefied without any booke of the cheques either for vyctualls or defect of nombers breedeth in us here a great discontentacion and an hard opinion of anie diligence there used either for maintenance of the strength of the army or dyminution of her Majesty's chardges.

The
complaints
of lack of
clothing,
money, and
victuals.

There followeth in your letter a complaint for the lacke of the whole apparrell, whereof some parte arryved there in November and the rest you required to be hastened thether, for answeare whereunto yt is true that the porcion which is there arryved was sent by land and the rest for avoyding of the trouble of carriage by land was shipped in the begynning in (*sic*) December, and being forced into Portesmouthe was staid there with contrariety of wynde untill the end of December, at which tyme the ships were conducted into St. George's Channell beyond Silley before the first of this monneth, so as wee make full accompt that the same is there safely arryved, which we wyshe to be so ordered as the distribucion thereof be made only to suche of the army as shalbe found ready for service and meet for the same according to the former ordynances.

Lykewyse for some answeare to your demaund of money we consider that the money lately sent thether was not knowne to you at the wryting of your letters, for so the Erle of Thomound reportes that the money was landed only at the tyme of his coming from thence, whereof we require speedely to be advertysed howe the same shalbe expended, especially for the lendinges, as yt was meant. And for vyctualls wee know not howe to satisfy you with suche quantity as yt seemeth you desire, considering the great want and extreame dearthe here in the realme, and therewith the extreame and uncertayne chardges of transportacion by sea. Nevertheles at this present upon the information

of Mollineux, your Victualler's man here, that there is to be necessarily provided there in that realme some quantity of herringes to the value of *vj* or *vij^{li}*, and as he saith other vyctuals maie be had there with ready money at easyer prices then can be transported out of England, there is presently delyvered 1,000^{li} more carryed thether in his company, and within some fewe daies there shalbe twyce as much sent thether to be ymployed for necessary vyctuals to be bought there.

There followeth in your letter a report of the motion of Tirone for a thorough peace to be made with him and his adherentes for two or three yeares, the said motion being very strange in his nature, and so you do shewe diversytie of your opinions therein, gessing on the one side that in his said motion he may thincke that her Majesty during that tyme may withdrawe some parte of her forces and so leave the realme in lesse strength and more open both to his rebellion and the invasyon of the Spaniard, and on the other syde you, the Lord Lieutennant, and your assistantes at the tyme of his motion thereof seemed to gather that his meaning was that by the benefytt of suche a tyme he might recover fully her Majesty's favor and growe into an assurance of his safety, which he nowe greatly doubteth, and by this tyme also given the rest of his parteners might be brought to their wonted duty and obedyence. Upon which two different opynions you desyre to knowe her Majesty's resolution whether she will procede further with him by way of prosecution, and so doing to enable you thereto with all meanes and provysions, according to certayne former projects in the two yeares last past, or otherwyse to have him further dealt withall for a thorough peace as p. 158. you write he desireth, and in that case to send you authority and warrant. For answer whereunto, the questyons being of great dyfficulty are by you to be understood for resolution as in the begynning of this our letter wee have signified, that is to followe her Majesty's dyrection by her letters written the last monneth, to the which we refer

A difference of opinion as to Tyrone's proposals for peace.

you, wysching rather by your good meanes to have the peace fully made without lymitacion of yeares, with suche good assurance for contynuanee thereof both by sufficient pledges and all other good meanes as shalbe thought probable to procure the same, and what may be hoped thereof wee doubt not but in shorte tyme a newe parly with him will make proof, so as upon yssue thereof her Majestie shall more readely determyne her resolucions either for the peace or for warr.

Danger
anticipated
from Spain.

There followeth in your letter your opinion by your advertysementes which do come unto you that the King of Spayne for the malice which he beareth against her Majestie meaneth to expresse the same against some parte of that realme, considering as you are advertysed that he keepeth his fleet and armie togeather at Ferroll and about Lisbone, which you do remember unto us as thincking yt requysite that some parte of her Majesty's ships be in readynes at the sea before them, and namely for defence of some of the West partes of that realme, as Waterford, Lymerick and Galloway, which your advertysement wee thincke very true and your advyse and request very reasonable, whereunto we will open unto you also our opinions and the state of her Majesty's affayres at this tyme as they do nowe occur.

The hope of
peace with
Spain.

Wee knowe yt to be true that his army and navy remayneth ready to be prepared to come to the sea this present yeare, and thoughe offers are very lately made to her Majesty and to the Frenche King to treat of a gennerall peace, yet her Majesty meaneth not to neglect her preparations to the sea for defence both of this realme and of that, for which purpose we trust her Majesty shalbe well hable to performe the same by the large offers and grauntes made to her in this Parlyament of subsedyes and fyftenes for dyvers yeares following. And yet nevertheles her Majesty myndeth to joyne with the Frenche King to give eare to suche motions as shalbe made for peace on the behalf of the King of Spayne, which are in words and messages

offred by the Archduke of Austria to the said French King, both for himself and the Quene's Majesty, and for that purpose according to the request of the French King her Majesty sendeth certayne her Mynisters, whereof I, the Secretary, am one, to understand further the yssues of theis offers, which tyme will shortly prove what may be trusted thereto, and yet in the meane tyme nothingshalbe left here undon that may tend to make ready forces both by sea and land to withstand the Spanishe forces. Thus muche wee have thought good to imparte unto you as Counsellours of State, the discovery whereof to be knowne to the rebell, being wysely used, wee thincke may do good to move the rebells to desyste from their expectacion of ayde from Spayne.

You do also write that you have heard nothing as yet of the 900 souldiers which should come out of Picardy nor of the 2,000 which you wrote for supplies in November last. As to the 900 yt is true they have ben ready ever synce November to be shipped from St. Vallery in Picardy, but have ben staied partly by losse of some shipping with vyctuals for them by tempest and partely by contrary wyndes, and nowe last of all by the unaptnes of the harborough for any meete shipping for their transportacion, so as at this present yt is ordered that they shalbe shipped with spede at Diepe, so as wee have hope surely you shall very shortly heare of their arryvall as before was appointed.

The Picardy troops.

And for the 2,000 to be sent thether out of this realme we are doubtfull what to answeare presently, considering the numbers of newe erected companies of late yeares partely there erected in Ireland, being to the number of 1,747 at one tyme, whereof divers of that contrey were made capitaynes, and also of companies sent out of Brittany to the number of 1,343, and of other companies of footmen sent out of England in *anno* 1595 to the number of 1,817, and in the yeare following of other companies sent also out of England to the number of 1,282, and likewyse of other companies this last yeare sent thether under the chardge of

The drain of soldiers for Irish service.

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xj capitaines to the number of 1,177, which severall numbers being of footmen only, besides the number of above 1,400 or 1,500 of the old bandes of footmen there intertayned. And besides all officers in wards in the ordonaunce and numbers of horsemen both old and newe, pencioners and kerne do amount unto, besides the aforesaid 1,500, to 7,466, a number whereof accompt is worthie to be made both for their bodies howe they are or have ben bestowed and for the armour and furnytures which they have had out of this realme, to the great burthen of the realme, with the chardges of the great sommes of money yelded by her Majesty for their conduct and transportacion, and greater sommes of money expended by the contries where they were levied for their furniture. And this we write to you as Counsellours to put you in remembrance howe burthenous theis your demaundes are in our sight without some better satisfaction to be had from you before any suche newe chardge may be laied here upon the realme. And where you do require theis supplies to fill up suche numbers as be demynished by death and running to the enemy, and for that they which remayne, being three partes of fower, do consyst of Irishe, wee thincke yt had ben very convenient and necessary to have explained theis severall diminutions by some perfect and partyculer bookes of musters of every band, expressing the same particularly, untill which tyme of your certyficat you maie well thincke wee have great cause to suspend so great a chardge.

Maurice
Kiffin's good
service and
death.

You make mencion of a lyste of all the companies of horse and foote in her Majesty's pay, which thoughe you write they contayne great numbers in roll, yet as you write they are rather in description then in substance by reason of the great dyminution in numbers and other fraudes to her Majesty in their pay, which thoughe you have labored to redresse, yet by Maurice Kyffin's sycknes, whom now we understand to be dead, the remedy of theis abuses would be more defective then otherwyse should be yf he might have styrred abroad. And now perceiving in the

end of your letter that he is departed and your request to have some other sent thither out of hand to be employed as he was, wee are very sory of the losse of so good a servant, and as sone as wee may fynde out one to supply that place we will take care thereof, doubting how to fynde any meet man willing thereto considering the hatred borne to the said Kyffin for his truthe and earnestnes in service, which is lykely to be contynued against his successors yf they shall followe Kyffin's former examples, who wee perceive by reporte from thence at the tyme before his deathe did committ his bookes to one Pedder, his trusty servant, to be kept untill I, the Lord Treasurer of England, should be made acquainted therewith and give dyrection howe the same should be used. And to that purpose, as we understand, he caused him to be sworne not to deliver those bookes to anie other without my knowledg, wherupon for his refusall to deliver the said books there he hathe ben committed to prison, whom though we cannot discommend for observing of his othe yet wee thincke you did well to urge him to have the bookes for to understand the true state of the musters yf the said bookes were fully perfected, and to that end I, the Treasurer, have already by my private letter dyrected him to deliver the bookes as you of the Council there should thinck fytt, and yet I do desire you that the party imprysoned may not be burthened with the expences of his ymprysonment except he shall give further cause then his refusall for observing of his othe. And touching this matter of musters we should be glad to understand what number of officers are appointed as Commissaries in severall partes of the realme, and who they are and what entertaynmentes they have, and howe far her Majesty is charged therewith in her treasure and what good and proffitt is found to followe thereby, besides the entertainment of Sir Ralffe Lane, to whom we would knowe what service is limited, considering the bookes aforementioned and nowe sent hether are signed only with his hand.

Maurice
Kyffin's good
service and
death.

Irish rebels in
and about
the Pale.

We perceive that Phelim McHugh, one of the sonnes of Feagh McHugh, hath ben at the tyme of the wryting of your letters come in and made his submyssion according to a wryting sent to us, which we lyke very well, wysching that his brother, who yet remayneth upon protection, might be induced to do the lyke. And whereas you thincke yt convenient to have their father's lands bestowed upon them, receiving some reasonable rentes, we fynde her Majesty well inclyned thereto, being desyrous to knowe what former rentes have ben paid to her Majesty by their father or what were reasonable to be newly arrented yf any suche should be, they putting in good pledges for their obedience, in which case and other the lyke we thincke yt reasonable that the chardges of the pledges should be borne by them for whom they are pledges and not by the Quene's Majesty, and yet the same chardge to be moderated reasonably by the jaylors. Wee thincke you have don very well to send some forces to suppressse the Bastard of Kildare, supported with certaine of the O'Connors in a kind of rebellion, and yf any of those O'Connors or anie of the O'Moores now in rebellion have ben suche as heretofore have had any of the landes in Leix and Ophalley lymited unto them or their predecessours to dwell upon, and have bene expelled from the same, as we heard some have bene, and graunted away from them some to Irishe and some to English capitaines, wherby they have ben put from their habytacions and so left to lyve ydly and dysorderly, her Majesty hearing of some suche reporte without knowing the truthe thereof, would have you, the Lords Justices and Councell, to cause due inquisytion to be made hereof and to certefy the truthe with your opinions what were fytt to be done to reduce the said O'Mores and O'Connors to obedience.

Loss of a fort
by treachery.

We are sory to see your letter ending with the losse of the Castle of Underflet, being betrayed by one of the warders, and being furnished plentyfully with vyctuals and all other thinges, the Constable whereof, named Moyse

Hill, being come presently to you, whom you meane to examyne touching the losse of that place, and as you shall fynd any culpable so to do justice, which we do very well allowe.

And thus have we at length discoursed upon all the necessary partes of your letter, being thereto provoked so to write considering the length and particularities of yours, noting by the subscription of yours names no more to be parties thereto but fewer (*sic*) besides you, the two Lords Justices, and you, the Lord Lieutenant, observing the lacke of the Treasurer's hand, who wee thincke will shortly satisfy us better than we are with the knowledg of the expence of her Majesty's treasure and her savinges by the true muster bookes and cheques and allowances for vycualles and apparrell now sent, a matter so much desired by her Majesty to be clered, besides many other doubtles moved by our former letters and never well answered, as her Majesty hath a meaning (being forced thereto for lacke of good satisfaction) to make choice of some speciall person to be shortly sent thither, being both a martiall man and expymented in the services of that realme, with some instructions for good inquisition of the state of thinges doubtfull and disordered, and thereof to retorne a partyculer answere to her Majesty. And thus, &c.

Explanations
expected
from Sir H.
Wallop.

22 January, 1597.

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Signed by the

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Henry Woodrington, esquire. You shall understand that complaint hath ben made unto us against your uncle, Ephraym Woodrington, and a servant of his, one Ralf Smithe, and also against divers of your servantes,

A serious
charge.

namely Andrewe Clennell, Luke Errington and Roger Oghell, for very great dysorder comitted by your said uncle and the rest before mencioned in his companie in December last at the house of Mr. Edward Gray, and for very offensive and outrageous behaviour against the said Edward Gray upon some occasions that concerne her Majesty's service. Wee do therfore require you upon the receipt of this our letter to give knowledg unto your said uncle that we do chardg and commaund him to make his speedy and undelaied appearance before us here at the Court to answeere suche matters wherewith he is to be charged, and to bring with him his servant Ralf Smithe, injoyning him in our names not to make default of appearance of himself and his said servaunt by the xxth day of February next, as he will answeere the contrary at his perill. And moreover forasmuch as your servantes afore named are charged to have bene partakers and assistantes with him in the said misbehaviour, we do therfore chardg and require you to cause every of those your servauntes that are before mencioned to come and appeare before us in lyke sorte and at the same tyme with your uncle and servant, as you will undertake the perill on yourself that may ensue by their default.

27 January, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlen.

Mr. Secretary.

The pilchard money to pay for the fortification of Falmouth.

A letter to Mr. Stallenge. Whereas you have of late certefied me, the Lord Threasurer, by your letter that you have for her Majesty's use received a good somme of money in that contry for pilchardes and have desired to knowe and be dyrected whether you shall keepe the said money or send yt up. Forasmuch as her Majesty having given order for some fortyfication to be made at Falmouth

being pleased to beare the chardge and expence of the same, there is presente cause of the disbursement of two hundred pownds for beginning of the same, which maie more convenyently be delivered by you then convayed from hence, we do therfore require you of the said money that you have received for pilchardes to deliver or cause to be delivered the somme of two hundreth powndes unto Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, whom we have addressed unto you for the same, yf you have received somuche, and yf you have not as yet received somuche then to deliver him asmuch as you have received, taking his acquittance for the same and certefying me, the Lord Threasurer, by your letter of the money by you so delivered.

*A letter to Sir Francis Godolphin, knight, and Christopher Harris requiring them to cause a vew and survey to be taken of such thinges as are in the Castle of Pendennis, and to take order that all such powder, munition and other provisions of the same and whatsoever els that is her Majestie's in the sayd Castle may be delivered to Sir Nicholas Parker for her Majestie's use and service, and that all other thinges that shall be found to appertayne to Mr. Jhon Killegrey as his proper goodds may be delivered to Mr. Killigrey, and that in the vew and survey

Vacat.
† This letter is registred before and beareth date 25 of January.

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Lord Archbishop.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Keeper.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Captaine of the Isle of Man or his Deputie, Justices and other officers of the said Isle, Mayour and Sheriffes of Chester, Vice-Admyralles, &c.

Pirate's plunder in the Isle of Man.

* This unfinished entry has been struck out.

† Original marginal note.

Pirates'
plunder in the
Isle of Man.

Whereas a spoile hath bin committed by one Thomas Venebles, late captaine of a pynnace of Portesmouth called the Dolphin, and his complices uppon a barque of Waterford in Ireland, whereof was merchaunt (*sic*) one Nicholas Lea of the said cittie, which goodes for the most part did appertaine unto our very good Lord the Earle of Ormond, and uppon complaint made unto us and in the High Court of the Admyraltie comission was graunted with our letters as well for the apprehending of the said malefactours as also for the recoverie of the said goodes in whose possession so ever the same should be found, and notwithstanding the said Lea hath taken great paynes and bin at great charges in seeking out the said malefactours and buyers of the said goodes he hath not hitherunto prevailed therein, for for (*sic*) that (as wee are informed) the said goodes have bin solde and disposed in the Isle of Man, the cittie of Chester and other places thereaboutes. Wee have therefore thought good to direct these our letters unto you in his behalf, whereby we do straightlie charge and comaund you and everie of you to whome it may appertaine that you omitt not for any favour, priviledg or libertie whatsoever but to apprehend the said malefactours, and also to take order for the foorth coming of the buyers and receavours of the said goodes and mainteyners of the pirattes, and uppon due examynacion and prooffe thereof to be made before you to cause the said persons to restore the goodes if they shalbe found extant, or the value thereof, unto the said Nicholas Lea or his assignes. Moreover wee require and charge you that you make diligent search in all places, as well priviledges and exempt as elles where, for the discoverie and fynding out of all and everie part and parcell of the said goodes that you shall understand to have bin embeazeled, purloyned, hidden or covertlie conveyed awaie, and in like sort to cause the partie or parties that have unjustlie bought, receaved and do detaine the same to be enquired out by like dilligent search, and to apprehend them if they be to be found and committ them to safe custodie

untill they and everie of them shall aunswere what they are charged withall, or elles shall give sufficient sureties to aunswere their dooinges before us or the Judg of the Admyraltie in due course of law, according to the tenour of the commission in that behalf. And so earnestlie requiring you to have speciall regard in performance of the premisses, especiallie in respect the matter concerneth the said Earle of Ormond, unto whome wee are willing to yeald all lawfull healp and furtherance heerein, wee bidd, &c.

28 January.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Tresuror.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's. publique officers. Whereas Walter Artson, a Dutch merchaunt, hath complayned and made sufficient prooffe in the Highe Court of Admiraltie that one captaine Elliott and his consortes have in unlawfull and piraticall manner taken upon the seas a certaine shipp named the Neptune with her lading of 120 thousand of fish and two dry fates of lynnene clothe, which were the proper goodes of the said Walter Artson and his companions, and by force and violence carried awaie and brought the same to Studland in the countie of Dorsett and other places of this realme, where they have disposed thereof at their willes, to the great losse and prejudice of the said proprietaries. Whereuppon comission is graunted out of the Court of Admiraltie aforesaid for restitution to be made of the said shipp and goodes by all and everie such persone or persons as have receaved, bought or otherwise do unjustlie detaine the same, or any part thereof, in such manner and forme as is expressed in the said comission, or upon their refusalles so to do that order may be taken for their fourth comminge to aunswere their defaultes in the said Court of Admiraltie, as by the comission more largelie appeareth. These shalbe therefore straightlie to charge, &c.

A Dutch
complaint
of English
pirates.

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Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, the 29 January, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Sir John Fortescue.	

*Earl of Essex.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Admyrall.	Lord Northe.
Mr. Secretary.	

The garrison
of Falmouth.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Parker. Whereas wee have of late given order that the company of captaine Brett, as yeat remayning at Plymmouth, shalbe remooved to Falmouth, forasmuch as the said captaine Brett havinge the charge of a company in the Low Countries is to attend that charge and to leave and give over that company at Plymouth, wee have therefore thought good to committ that company of captaine Brett which is at Plymmouth unto you, requir- ing you to take charg thereof from hencefoorth and of the armes and furnitures thereunto belonging, and to cause the said company to be at Falmouth by the xxth daie of February next, according to our former direccion given in that behalf. And so, &c.

Lord Archbishop.	Earl of Nottingham.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Essex.	Lord North.
Mr. Secretary.	

Wrecking on
the Welsh
Coast.

An open warrant to all publique officers. Whereas Peter Danielson, late master and part owner of a shipp called the Sea Cocke of Vlishing, hath made pitifull complaint in the Court of Admiraltie that the said shipp in her course from St. Lucar in Spayne towards Middleborough in Zeland (laden with goodes and merchaundizes to the value

* These names written in the margin probably refer to those who signed the letter

of twentie thousand poundes or upwardes, belonging to sondry merchauntes of Middleborough aforesaid) suffred shippwrack on the coast of Cardigan in Wales, partlie by the default and negligence of the pilate and somme others (as is suggested), and uppon the said wracke diverse of the inhabitantes of that countrie have very unconscionably made a praye and spoile of suche utensilles, apparell, municion, roapes, sailes and other furniture of the shipp, together with a great part of the goodes that were cast on shoare or otherwise preserved, and do unjustlie detaine the same from the proprietaries, to their great losse and damage. Whereuppon comission is graunted out of the said Court of Admiraltie as well for dilligent inquisicion to be made by oathe or other good meanes, that it may be knownen whether the said pilate or any others were lawfullie in fault therein or no, to th'end he or they may be foorth comming and aunsverable for the same in the Court of Admiraltie if such fault be duellie prooved, and also for restitution to be made of such furniture of the shipp or goodes as aforesaid, or the value thereof, as upon like inquisicion shalbe found to comme or remayne in the custodie or possession of any person or persons whatsoever, or uppon the refusalls of any such persons (that have taken, carried awaie, bought, receaved or otherwise do unjustlie detaine any of the said shippe's furniture or goodes) to make restitution or recompence for the same unto the said Danielson to the use of himself and the rest of the dampnified merchauntes, that order may be likewise taken for their foorth coming in the Court of Admiraltie, as by the said comission more particularly appeareth. These shalbe therefore, &c.

Signed and dated as before.

An other open warrant of assistaunce to all publique officers for the apprehencion of certaine English pirattes and for restitution to be made unto James Beauvoir of the Isle of Guernzey, merchaunt, as well on his one (*sic*) behalf as

Plunder of a
cargo of fish.

on the behalf of Nicholas Cornu, Henry de Calais and Aimes Mutell of Guarnzey aforesaid, for a spoile comitted by the said pirattes on a certaine shipp called the Judith of the said Isle, laden with twentie thousand of dry Newland fishe and sondry other parcelles of goodes to them belonging. This restitution to be made as well by the said pirates as any others that have taken, carried awaie, bought, receaved or otherwise do unjustlie detaine any parte of the said goodes or furniture expressed in a schedule annexed to the comission graunted out of the Admyraltie for this purpose, or uppon their refusalles that order may be taken for the foorth coming of all and every such person or persons in the said Court of Admiraltie to be aunswerable for their defaults according to course of justice.

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Lord Archbishop.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Secretary.

Customary
law in Jersey.

A letter to the Bailiffe and Jurattes of Jerzey. Whereas by the humble petition of Peter Beauvoir exhibited unto us wee are informed that one Stephen Place of Brittanie, latelie deceased (resident in his life tyme in that Isle of Jerzey), was indebted to the said Beauvoir and others of the summe of clxxxij^{li}, for the recoverie whereof an arrest was made for Beauvoir of certaine mooveable goodes left by the said Place at the tyme of his decease, and the same arrest donne by your order in October last (as is alleadged). Howbeit staye havinge bin made for a tyme of the proceeding in the said arrest for want of an administratour or partie defendaunt, somme synister course hath bin sithence taken by the widow of the said Place and her freendes, insomuch that during the said intermission (the arrest notwithstanding) the said goodes have bin delivered up and disposed of to the prejudice and defrauding of the

said Beauvoir, whereby (the said parties being all straungers and purposing to withdraw themselves from that Isle) he is like to sustayne a very great losse. Forasmuch as wee are given to understand that the said Place ordered by his last will and testament the same debt should be duelie paid and left very sufficient meanes to satisfie and discharg it, and also in regard wee are certified by the report of Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, Governour of that Isle, (unto whome wee referred the consideracion of Beauvoir's petition) that the widow being aunswered the porcion claymed by her due (as she pretendeth) by contract, according to the customme of that Isle, then the petitioner ought to be releevd and satisfied, wee have therefore thought good to require you that presentelie uppon receipt of this our letter you take order with those persons in whose handes either the said goodes have bin arrested, or such as by enquirie shalbe founde possessed with the same, to paie and satisfie the said Beauvoir his debt, and in case they or any of them or any others have made any covert or indirect conveyance of the said goodes or any part thereof to the defrauding of Beauvoir, you faile not to assist his servaunt or attourney with your authoritie by all lawfull meanes to sifte out the truthe by enquiry or otherwise, to the end he may not be frustrate of his right, but receave satisfaccion according to equitie and this our direccion, which if any of the said parties shall refuse to performe, then we require you to take sufficient bondes of them for their apparaunce before us within reasonable tyme to shew cause of their said refusall. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir John Wogan, knight, Fraunces Merick, Georg Owen and Thomas Revell, esquires, Deputie Leiutenantes of the countie of Pembroke. You shall understand that her Majestie hath bin pleased to take order for the sending away and transportacion of such Spanyardes or Portugalles out of this realme as were taken prisoners of late at sea, or by their fortune cast uppon the coast, amonge whome forasmuch as there is a great number in that countie of

Spanish
prisoners to
be deported.

Pembrooke in Wales or thereabouts which have bin burthensome unto the countrie for their keeping, there is order taken that if the said prisoners may be conveyd out of that countrie unto Plymmouth they shall finde at the said port readie meanes for their transportacion, so as the countrie shalbe no more charged with them. For which purpose her Majestie is contented to be at a great charg for the hiring and victualling of a shipp to traunsport all those Spanishe prisoners that are in the West Countrie and diverse that are heere in London, as also those that are in Wales if some speedie course may be taken by you or any others in the countrie for the conveyaunce of them to Plymouth, where wee have appointed one Nicholas Owseley to be in readynes with shipping for their traunsportacion. Wee do therefore pray and require you with all convenient speede to cause the said prisoners to be conveyd to Plymmouth for the purpose above mencioned. And so, &c.

Appearances
of Newcastle
Aldermen
before the
Council.

This daie William Selbie, Henry Anderson and William Jennyson of New Castle upon Tyne, Aldermen, having bin required by their Lordships' warrant to make their apparaunce before their Lordships concerning some matter in question bettween the said Aldermen and other inhabitants of that towne have performed the same accordinglie, being nevertheles enjoyned to contynue their attendaunce on their Lordships for this purpose, and not to depart without lycense from their honours first had and obtayned.

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A letter of
recommenda-
tion.

A letter to *———. Wee wrote our letter the last yeare to the late Lord Deputie in favour of one Richard Plunkett, a gentleman of good service in that realme of Ireland, by which letters wee did request his Lordship to fynd somme good occacion for the employment of the said Plunkett in her Majesty's service, whereuppon (as wee have bin informed) the said late Lord Deputie appointed him to raise and provide fiftie horse with an intent that he should have paye and entertainment for

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them, but the horse being provided and the Lord Deputie prevented by death it seemeth by the informacion of Plunckett that he hath suffred great losse by raising the said company of horse and want of entertainment. Whereunto albeit wee cannot give remedie, because wee neither appointed the said company of horse to be raised at the first nor may now encrease her Majesty's charge, which alreadie is very excessive, yet wee do wish and we do thincke the gentleman's good service doth well deserve that somme course may be taken there for his employment and for his releefe toward the losse he hath susteyned, so as the same may be without any new charge unto her Majestie. Wee do therefore commend him in like manner to your Lordship as wee did the last yeare to the late Lord Deputie, praying and requiring you as you shall see occacion to yeald him favour for some employment, whereby he may contynue to do good service unto her Majestie and have the meanes to releve himself towards his afore-said losse, the manner of which employment wee leave and referr unto your Lordship's discreccion and judgement, onlie remembring the former caucion that it do bring no new charge unto her Majestie. And so, &c.

A letter to the Mayour of Plymmouth. Whereas wee are given to understand by one Nicholas Lea of Waterford in Ireland that certaine pirattes who were at the spoiling of a shipp of the said Lea were by vertue of a comission out of the Court of Admyraltie and our letters arrested and brought before Humphrey Fones, late Mayour of Plymmouth, and being then duellie examyned confessed the spoile donne by them and others uppon the said Nicholas Lea, whereupon they were committed to prison by the said Mayour and other comissioners, from whence they have sithence bin suffred to escape thorough wilfull negligence, as wee are informed, to the great prejudice and hinderance of the sayd Lea. Wee have therefore thought good to require you upon receipt of these our letters to call unto you the sayd Humphrey Fones and to cause him to deliver unto you his

Pirates
escape from
prison.

knowledge what is becommе of the said prisonners, and if uppon examynacion of the cause it shall appeare that the gaoler or keeper of those pirates was privy or wilfullie faultie in their escape, you cause him either to be committed there to be aunswerable in course of justice for his said offence, or elles (if you shall fynd it necessarie) to take bond of him with good sureties for his undelaied apparance before us, that wee may take such farther order with him as shalbe meete and convenient, whereof wee require you not to faile. From the Corte, &c.

February 1.

The Newcastle
case.

This day Robert Dudley of Newcastle, Aldermān, Edward Lewin and Henry Sanderson, gentlemen, being commanded to make theyr apparance before the Lords by a warrant directed to them the 6 of January laste paste have accordingly tendered there apparance here, and the same is recorded for theyr indemnitie.

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The freedom
of the city
for a foreign
bookseller.

A letter to the Lord Mayour and Aldermen of London. Whereas the bearer heereof, Ascanius Renialme, a straunger borne but now a free denizon, hath of longe tyme used the trade of bringing of bookes into this realme and is knowen to be well affected unto the present estate of religion and government under her Majestie, and well reported as well by the Company of the Stacioners of the cittie, as such others as have had any dealinge with him. Forasmuch as it shall appeare unto you by the certificate enclosed that their desire is that the freedome of the citty might be bestowed upon him to the intent he might be admitted and made a freeman of their Company, wee have thought good to recomende this suite unto your Lordship and the rest of your brethren, and seeing it may appeare unto you that his trade hath not hindered or can hinder any member of the cittie, wee pray your Lordship the rather for our sake to bestow the freedomme of the cittie uppon him in as ample sort as any other straungers have had, who, wee doubt not, will acknowledg

it thanckfullie at your handes and so behave himself heereafter that you shall have no cause to repent you of the favour which you shall bestow uppon him. And so nothing doubting of your good willes heerein, wee bidd, &c.

Severall letters of one tenour to the counties under-
 mencioned. Whereas in the great dearth and scarsety of
 graine that hath bin of late and doth still continew more
 by the covetous disposicion of some evill persons then
 for want of God's blessinge wee have from tyme to tyme
 used the best meanes wee could both for the ease of the
 country every where abroad and for the relief of the citty of
 London, for the countrey by the generall restraint (published
 and proclaymed) of conveying graine out of the counties and
 by our orders for serving the markettes and punishing such
 offendours as hindered the same, and for the citty by giving
 speciall licences for the supply of such proporcion of graine
 out of the counties as the necessitie of that place doth
 require. Albeit herein wee have founde exceeding great
 difficulty to reconcile the wantes of the citty and countrey, the
 one requiring great supply, the other not so able in these
 as in other tymes to affoarde such stoare, yet thankes be
 to God, the burthen of this scarsetie hath bin so sus-
 teyned by mutuall relief, one to the other, as it is hoped
 that the worst is past and that more ease will ensew
 hereafter. The like course wee are to take at this present
 and therein to require your helpe and furtherance. And
 forasmuch as the said citty of London standeth at this
 present in neede of great supply of graine by reason of
 the great concourse of much people to the Parlament and
 Tearme, wee do therfore at the humble suite and instance
 of the Lord Maiour and Aldermen write these our letters
 unto you in the behalf of the citty, earnestly praying
 and requiring you with as much speed as conveniently
 you can to assemble your selves together, and uppon
 enquiry and examinacion of such store of graine
 as is in that countie of *_____ to consider what

The supply
 of corn to
 London.

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quantity maie be spared for the supply of the citty, and upon knowledg had thereof (doing your best endeavours to procure as large a proporcion as maie be affoarded) to take order that the partie or parties that shalbe aucthorised by the Lord Maiour and Aldermen in that behalf maie provide, buy and transporte the same quantety by you lymitted and appointed out of that county and convey it to London by such meanes as they shall finde most convenient, certefying us by the *—— daie of *—— next by your letters of the said quantety which shalbe so yealded unto them, wherin wee hope you will not deale the more streightly because wee have referred them in this manner to your discrecions, but that you will the rather for this cause yeald them the more favour and furtherance. And so, &c.

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At the Courte at Whitehall, the 2 of February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl Marshall.	Lord North.
Mr. Comptroler.	

2 February.

These 4 letters following signed by the	
Lord Archbishop.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Northe.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.

The defences
of Plymouth
Sound and
Falmouth.

A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Though wee doubt not but you are carefull of the charge that is committed unto you and do well observe (uppon consideracion of the particuler circumstances of the places about you) what is to be donne for preventing any daunger of the enemye, nevertheles it commes to our myndes and wee thincke it necessarie to give you a speciaall remembraunce of the Isle of St. Nicholas, as a place which may if it be well looked

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unto greatlie impeach the enemye's accesse and entraunce into that haven, and likewise may serve the enemy for a great advantage if it be neglected. Wee do therefore require you to take order forthwith that somme labour may be bestowed in the said Island for skarfig the rock round about and for making somme coverture for men to lie drie. This short remembraunce wee have thought meete to give you, referring the good performance thereof to your judgement uppon vew of the place. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Parker. You have already receaved order for the making of a fortification at Falmouth and instruccions for your proceeding in that and somme other service appertayning to the charge that her Majestie hath given unto you there, whereunto the present occasion of this tyme doth moove us to add one speciall remembrance and direccion concerninge the manner of working and making the said forte. Wee do consider that there may be cause (the desseignes of the enemy being uncertaine) to use the advantage of that fortification before it be fullie perfected, wherein if you should so proceede as to worke one part of the same more then the rest and so raise it unequallie, though you should bring any such part to perfeccion, nevertheles it would be so farr from serving her Majestie to any use for resistance unto the enemye as it would rather give advantage unto the enemy to fortifie himself there if uppon any attempt it should happen to be surprized. Our meaning therefore is that you shall begyn the worke with a plaine trench on all partes in the forme that you have already intended and proceede equallie thoroughout the worke, so as no side or part of it may be left for readie and open accesse, but may finde meanes (if neede shalbe) to make some resistance, and of this worke as soone as there shalbe any good apparaunce and shew wee require you to send us a plott, wishing you to use all speede therein. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir Robert Sidney, knight, Governour of Vlissing. Wee have receaved a letter from you of late

The garrison
of Flushing.

The garrison
of Flushing.

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bearing date the 19 of Januarie, and to such poyntes thereof as we can at this tyme determyne this our letter shall bringe you aunswere, namelie concerninge the strengthninge of that garrison with more men and the returne of your captaines thither. And for the first, whereas you finde the garrison weakened by the number of 500 men that were drawen thence the last yeare for an extraordinarie employment, albeit they have not bin as yeat sent backe againe by reason of somme occasion that her Majestie hath had to keepe somme companies of olde soldiers heere within the realme, and although of late fower companies were sent unto Ostend (whence 100 only was taken), which was donne uppon especiall cause and for the opynion conceived and the apparant shew of a seege intended against that towne, yet her Majesty's care of your garrison and the reckoninge shee maketh of it more then of the other of Ostend may appeare unto you in this, that her Majestie is pleased to give order that of the 4 companies which were of late sent unto Ostend three shalbe withdrawen againe from thence and sent into Vlissing, namelie the companies of Sir Arthur Savage, Sir Arthur Chichester and Sir John Brooke. Of which order and appointment as wee have given knowledg to Sir Edward Norreys, the Governour of Ostend (now heere in England), for the dismissing the said companies out of that garrison, so forasmuch as the meanes of transportacion and conveyance of them by shipping may be more conveniently dispatched by you at Vlissing then by sending shipping from hence, wee do therefore pray and require you to cause such and so many shippes or other meete vesselles (as may serve for the transportacion of the said three companies) victualled for sufficient tyme to be hired at Vlissing and to be sent forthwith to Ostend for the conveyance of the aforesaid companies thence unto Vlissing, and what the expence and charge thereof shalbe (which wee pray you to governe and moderate in as good sort as you may) the same shall uppon certificat sent by you unto us be paid and satisfied heere without delaie by

William Meredith, the Pay Master of her Majesty's forces in the Low Countries, unto any person appointed and authorized by you to demaund and receave it in your behalf. And thus much wee have resolved and you do now understand towching the supplie of three new companies.

But forasmuch as the companies that you have there alreadie are not onlie weake by the number that was withdrawn from them but in disproporcion and inequalitye, wee will add a word of our opynion towching that poynt, and do thincke it very meete that you cause *[the whole number of soldiers of all the companies which you have at this present so to be sorted and distributed with equallitie amonge the companies by] the said companies that are impaired so much by the meanes afore mencioned to be strengthened and supplied out of those companies that spared not so great number untill they maybe more thoroughly re-enforced and made compleate, which course wee pray and require you to see performed. Concerning the other poynt of your letter for the returne of your captaines to their garrison wee thincke you have reason to take excepcion to their absence, and wee should verie much blame them for it but that we understand that the most of them have bin hitherto detayned heere uppon just occasion, but now wee have given comaundement for their speedie returne, whereunto we suppose that they will have due regard, and if any of them shalbe absent more then for just [cause] may be allowable, it is our desire that they may, beside the blame, suffer the checque of their entertainment. This is all that wee have to write for aunswere to your letter at this instant.

A *post scripte* requiring him that when the said 3 companies should be arrived at Vlissing to cause them to be mustered and to send a muster-rolle thereof to their Lordships.

A letter to Sir Edward Norreys. Whereas of late upon an opynion and likelihood that was conceived of a seege intended to the towne of Ostend under your government

No present
fear for
Ostend

* The words between brackets are crossed through in the MS.

it pleased her Majestie to send 4 companies of soldiers for supplie of that towne and garrison the better to strengthen it against the enemye, you shall understand that her Majestie now fynding that there is no great neede of the contynuaunce of the saide companies in Ostend and that the garrison of Vlishing hath more necessarie cause at this present to be supplied, being much weakened by the number of men that was drawen thence the last yeare for extraordinarie employment, is pleased that three of the said companies which were latelie put into Ostend shalbe remooved thence to Vlishing, namelie the companies of Sir Arthur Savage, Sir Arthur Chichester and Sir John Brooke, for the transportacion of which companies wee have writen to Sir Robert Sydney to take order at Vlishing. And therefore we do pray and require you that when he shall cause sufficient shipping to comme to Ostend for that purpose you will take order for the embarquing and sending awaie of the three companies before mencioned with their armes and furniture, to be thence transported unto Vlishing. And so, &c.

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2 February.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Lord Admyrall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Mr. Secretary.

A Jersey
appeal case,

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton and Sir Anthony Pawlett, knightes, Mr. Sollicitour, Mr. Frauncis Bacon and Mr. Recorder of London.

Whereas wee have bin often sollicitated by contrarie petitions and complaints between Peter de la Rocque and Rawlin de la Rocque, brethren, of that Isle of Jerzey, concerning an appeale from a sentence given by the Bailiff and Jurattes of the said Isle against Peter de la Rocque and others his nonaged brethren prosecuted by the said Rawlin,

their eldest brother, which sentence (as it seemeth) is expreslie different from a former sentence given by the said Bailiff and Jurates in the same cause on the behalf of the said Peter de la Rocque. Forasmuch as wee have heeretofore at sondrie tymes and diverslie referred the consideration of this controversie as well to you, the Governours of the Isles of Jerzey and Guernzey, as also to her Majesty's Learned Counsaile heere, and yet by reason of some diversitie wee have found in opynions of those unto whome wee have so referred the same wee could not hitherunto determyne of the controversie, whereby the cause remayneth as yeat undecided, wee have now therefore thought good to recommend the full examynacion and ordering of this matter joynctlie unto you, the Governours of both the Isles of Jerzey and Guernzey, together with you, her Majesty's Sollicitour, Mr. Frauncis Bacon and Mr. Recorder of London, to th'end that, by joyning the knowledg of the customes of the said Islandes together with the rule of law and justice, you may consider of such an ende and agreement betwixt them as may be agreable both to law and good conscience. Praying and requiring you to call before you (with as much speed as convenientlie you may) the said brethren, Peter de la Rocque and Rawlin de la Rocque, and uppon knowledg taken of the state of the cause by the petitions, informacions, evidences and such proofes as they shall exhibite unto you, and of the proceedings that have bin formerlie in the said cause, to sett downe somme such certaine and direct order for the deciding and making a finall end of the controversie betwixt them as you in your judgementes shall thinck with indifferencie meete to be observed by both partes, and thereof to certifie us, that without more troble to us by their importunity wee may upon knowledg thereof accordinglie enjoyne both the said brethren duellie to keepe and observe the same, uppon payne to the partie that shall obstinatelie or perverslie refuse an indifferent and just agreement. And so, &c.

A Jersey
appeal case.

5^o *Februarij.*

Refusals to
contribute to
the Loan.

This daie Robert Randall of Missenden Parva, yeoman, John Biscote *de eadem*, yeoman, Henry Taylor of Missenden Magna, yeoman, William Clayden of Mounkes Risborough, yeoman, Henry Steephens of Bledloe, husbandman, Thomas Clark of Hichendon, yeoman, Barnard Fountaine of Cheddington, yeoman, Mi[c]haell Sare of Mallwoorth, yeoman, Thomas Harris of Padbury, yeoman, and Thomas Tomlins of Adstock, husbondman, all of the countie of Buckingham, having bin bound by Thomas Tasborough, esquire, Collectour to her Majestie for the Loane in the said countie, to make their apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswere their refusall to lend the severall summes required of them by their Privy Seales have made their apparaunces accordinglie, which for their indempnities is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoined in their Lordships' names to give their daielie attendaunce on their Lordships at their meetinges in Counsaile, and not to depart untill by their honours' order they shalbe dismissed.

Maintenance
of a prisoner.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, to pay unto Robert Howell and Robert Bryart for the dyett and other necessary charges for the keepeinge of John Aguirra, a Spanyard, the space of two monethes the somme of nine poundes.

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Sonday forenoone. At the Court at Whitehall,
the 5 of February, 1597..

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chancellor of
Lord Chamberlain.	th'Exchequer.

* Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Comptroler.

Sir John Fortescue.

* These are no doubt the names of those who signed the following letter.

Dat. ultimo Januarij, 1597.

A letter to the Lord Northe. Whereas William Brewster, gentleman, hath by the inclosed petition informed us that he having charge of the keeping of the Castle of Wisbich under Sir Nicholas Bacon, knight, Constable of that place, was perswaded by William Medley, esquire, to disburse a good somme of money unto him to be joyned with him in the keeping of the priestes and other Recusantes there, bearing him in hande the comodity was treble of that he findeth it to be. Forasmuch as your Lordship, being her Majesty's Lieutenant of that county, hath bin by our former letters required to have speciall care to the Keepers there for the better perfourmance of their duties in the keeping of those prisoners, and by this controversie betweene two Keepers ar sondry abuses daily continued, wee have thought good to praie your good Lordship to call Medley and this suplyant before you and to heare the controversie betweene them, and therupon to sett such order in the same as your Lordship shall thincke agreable to equity and for the better and safer keeping of the foresaid prisoners, from which if either shall dissent wee praie your Lordship to acquaint us therewithall, that wee maie give order or authority to confirme that order your Lordship shall thincke good to be taken therin. So wee, &c.

The profits of
the Keepers of
Recusants.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

8 February, 1597.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete to receave into his custody the person of Edmund Nevill (who was by comandment from her Majesty to be removed from the Tower to the Fleete), and him to keepe as prisoner untill he should receave farther notice of her Majesty's pleasure in that behalf.

Edmund
Nevill
removed to
the Fleet.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

11 February, 1597.

The death of
Lord Kildare.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the rest of the Counsell in Ireland. Yt seemeth by a request that hath bin made unto us by the Countess of Kildare, widdow of the late Earle of Kildare, that beside the unfortunate and greivous losse of her husband shee findeth her self encombred and troubled with the unjust dealinges of divers persons that were officers to the said late Earle at the tyme of his decease, who either by refusing to make her accomptes or by making unjust and untrue accomptes do endeavour (as wee are informed) to defraude the said lady of much both money and goodes that are dew unto her. Of which informacion and of her request to us for remedy as wee cannot 'in reason' and conscience but take notice, so wee do earnestly commend the same unto your Lordships, praying and requiring you to be informed by the party or parties that shalbe appointed to follow the cause in the said ladye's behalf of this wrong and greivance offered unto her by the officers before mencioned, and theruppon (if you shall finde just cause) to give order and authority unto somme two or three such persons as you shall thinke meete to call the said officers before them, and uppon due examinacion of their accomptes (to be required and taken by them) to certefie you what they shall understand towching the wrongfull dealinges wherwith the said officers are charged, and thereof in case you finde them truly chargeable to yeald the said lady your lawfull favour and best furtherance for the procuring of her right and satisfaccion. And so wee, &c.

12 February, 1597.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This daie William Colston of Bristoll, marchant, having bin enjoyned by Dr. Cæsar, Judg of the Admiraltie, to appeare before the Lords of the Counsell to answeere such matters as on the behalf of a Dane should be objected

against him hath made his apparance, which for his indempnity is here recorded, being nevertheles enjoyned to attend their Lordships untill by them he shalbe dismissed.

Sonday forenoone and afternoone. At the Court at p. 169.
Whitehall, the 12 of February, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Northe.
Earl of Essex.	Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to Sir Robert Sydney. Among other companies of that garrison of Vlishing under your comaundement there is one whereof Sir Thomas Sherley the younger hath had the charge, which company forasmuch as he, intending otherwise to emploie himself, is willing to leave and forgoe, wee are desirous that the same may be bestowed upon Sir Thomas Vavaucer, whome wee know to be a fitt man to undertake that charge, and therefore wee do very earnestlie commende him unto you, praying you to appointe and assigne unto him the charge of the said company of Sir Thomas Sherley, and to give order that the same so armed and furnished as Sir Thomas Sherley hath left it may be committed unto himself or to his lieutenant in his behalf. And so, &c.

Sir T. Shirley
the younger.

A letter to the Earl of Pembroke. Wee have receaved your Lordship's letter of the 30 of January with a petition of the inhabitantes of the countie of Pembroke enclosed therein, by which letter your Lordship commendeth unto us the said petition that the like exemption maie be graunted to Pembroke from sending men and armour unto forraine services as of late hath bin yealded to the countie of Anglesey. Whereof having well considered and finding the reasons expressed both in your Lordship's letter and in the petition to be of good importance and worthy of regarde,

Relief for the
county of
Pembroke.

wee have thought it convenient that the said county shalbe forborne from forraine services according to the suite made in that behalf, hopinge that in respect of this favoure the inhabitantes will the better enable themselves for the defence of the countrey and for all other services to her Majestie that unto them do appertaine. Of this our order and determinacion wee do hereby give your Lordship knowledg, and for the better observacion of it wee have caused a remembrance thereof to be made and entred in the Counsaile Booke, from the which if wee shall varrye at any tyme hereafter it shall not be without very extraordinary cause and speciall notice thereof to be given unto your Lordship. And so, &c.

13 February, 1597.

Sir Thomas
Shirley's
agent.

A warrant to the Keeper of the Compter in Wood Strete requiring him to restraine one William Beecher of the libertie which he had afforded him, being suffered to go abroade, and to keepe him so restrained untill he should receave farther direccion from the Lords.

12 February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroller.

The garrison
of Falmouth.

A letter to captain Blany. Whereas it is thought convenient that captain Benjamyn Berry, having the charge of a company in the Low Countries, shall attend that charge for the better government of the same and that the company at Faulmouth whereof he hath likewise the charge shalbe committed to some other meete person, wee have therefore thought good (with the knowledge and assent of the said captain Berry) to assigne his said company at Faulmouth unto you, requiring you to take charge thereof from hencefoorth and of the armes and furnitures thereunto belonging, to which end we have written unto Sir Nicholas Parker to cause the said company with their armes and furnitures to be delivered over unto you. And so, &c.

Dated and signed *ut supra*.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Parker requiring him to give order that the said company of captain Berry with their armes and furnitures may be delivered unto captain Blany according to their Lordships' direccion.

The 12th of February, 1597.

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Lord Archbisshop.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Controler.

A letter to the Erle of Bath, Lieutennant of the county of Devon. Forasmuch as yt hath pleased the Almighty God to blesse this realme for the space of her Majesty's raigne, amounting in accompt to forty yeares, above the tyme almost of all her progenitors, with inward peace and without any invasyon of the same by any forrayne enemy, althoughe the same hathe ben dyversly attempted, but yet by God's speciall goodnes giving to her Majesty assistance of her good and faithfull subjectes withstood and frustrated, and that yt is found by experience and so seene to her Majesty that there is no better nor more safe meane to contynue this God's blessing then the contynuanee of her people in the due service of Almighty God in true Christyan religion, to contynue them also in strength with armes both for their owne defence and for just offence against th'enemy. For which purpose her Majesty hath with good advise of Councell theis many yeares authorysed in every county of her realme speciall persons of trust, whereof some have ben appoynted as her Lieutennantes and some her principall Commissioners, to assemble and levy all her Majesty's subjectes within their rules apt for the wars, and to arme, muster and array the same both horse and footemen, and with the same to defend the realme both against all rebells and ennemyes, with further authority as by her commyssion is expressed.

The Musters
in Devon

The Musters
in Devon.

And though in theis late yeares past her Majesty hathe by us of her Privy Councell caused sondry instructions to be given to her said Lieutennantes and Commissyoners for speciall and partyculer directions howe the forces of her subjectes in every county of her realme might be increased and put in readynes, yet for that some tyme hathe ben passed over sithence the same hath ben dyrected, and therby some intermyssion hathe followed of ordinary musters and arminges of suche as have ben heretofore selected to serve as trayned and furnyshed souldyers to serve both as horsemen and foote-men, the reformation and renovation whereof ys at this tyme most necessarie to be pursued when yt is understood that the common ennemy contynueth his preparations of forces for with (*sic*) intent to offend this realme. And therefore we do nowe give your Lordship, as being her Majesty's Lieutennant of the county of Devon, to understand her Majesty's expres pleasure and comaundement is that you shall with all speed according to the authoryty of her Majesty's Commissyon given to you cause all the forces of her subjectes within that county that have ben at any tyme within theis late yeares mustered, armed, weaponed and put into bandes under capitaines and leaders to be reviewed, and lyke nombers supplied with sufficyent persons in places of such as shalbe found wanting by deathe or otherwyse insufficyent.

And to the intent that this service may be well perfected, in her Majesty's name we will and require your Lordship without any unnecessarie delay to assemble and call togeather at places convenient both such as you have used as Deputyes for your office of Lieutennancy and the Sheryf of the county and suche other of the Justices of the Peace as your Lordship shall thincke meet, and first to communycate theis our letters unto them and next to imparte to them all suche our former letters and dyrections as have ben sent to your Lordship theis two later yeares for the furtherance of the service by levying, mustering, arraying, arming, trayning and reducing of the forces of that county into bandes of captens and collonells, and therupon to procede as sone as may be to the

execution thereof. And to the intent her Majesty may be herein satisfied with assurance that this service should not be neglected nor delaied, her Majesty hath expresly commaunded us that we shall make choice of some speciall persons of knowledg in martiall service in every county of the realme to be present at all the musters, and to survey the whole forces of the county and the bandes howe they are compounded of expert capitaines and furnyshed with hable persons to serve, and increased to the highest rates, as you have ben dyrected by former letters, and as cause shalbe to instruct them in the discipline of warre, and that her Majesty and wee may also receive true information by report of suche persons of the state and conduction of the said forces and of th'execution of our said former orders.

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And for this purpose your Lordship shall understand that with her Majesty's privy and allowance there is appointed to attend upon you for this speciall service Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, as Generall Collonell of the said forces, whom we earnestly require your Lordship to admytt and allowe, and as cause shall require to authoryse to be at all musters and to veiwe the state of the whole forces of that county, and to informe all that shall have chardge of all matters requisyte for the good ordering and disciplyning of the trayned bandes according to their severall qualyties for service and according to suche instructions as are delyvered unto him for that purpose, whereof wee send your Lordship a copie, and by this meanes wee hope the service shalbe more perfectly performed and we assure ourselves that her Majesty shalbe duly informed of the state of her forces in what readynes she may accompt the same may be for defence of the realme. Lykewyse this our letter, as in generalytie yt is agreable for all Lieutenantes and Commyssioners, so partyculerly your Lordship is to understand that for that county of Devon yt is thought meet that Sir Ferdinando Gorges, being one of your Deputy Lieutenantes, shalbe used as a Gennerall Collonell of the forces that shalbe trayned in that county, and that Sir Thomas Acton, Arthure Champernowne

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and John St. Leger are thought very fytt persons to have chardg in the said county under Sir Ferdinando Gorges.

And for the further strengthning of Plymouth and the partes thereaboutes there are appointed two capitaynes with bandes of old souldyers to be contynued there under the charge of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, who shalbe instructed and dyrected to attend upon your Lordship as Lieutennant and to receive your commaundement. And according to former orders the forces of that county as necessity shall require shalbe assisted with nombers to be had from Cornwall, yf that contry shall not be invaded, and out of Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire yf they shalbe free from invasyon, which aydes shalbe given unto that county by your warrantes to be sent to the Lieutennantes of the said shires. Wee doubt not but your Lordship therfore will use all care to see the forces of that county to be in a readynes and the service so performed as her Majesty may be thoroughly satisfied by the report of some [one] of the captens whom the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges shall appoint, who after the musters taken and the trayninges performed [is] to repaire hether and to bring with him a true certyficat of all your Lordship's proceedinges. So fare you hartely well, &c.

The scedule of the Generall Surveyors or Overseers of the counties followinge and the capitaines appointed to trayne the forces under them doth followe on the other side, with a note of the counties that are to be assistant one to the other in case of necessity, upon any attempt the enemy may purpose to make for invasion of the realme.

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The scedule to the generall letters on the other side :

Counties.		Surveiors and captens to trayne.	Counties to be assistant and the number.	Messen- gers.
Erle of Bath	Devon	Sir Ferdinando Gorges	- Dorsett - 3,000	Robert Brown.
		Sir Thomas Acton	- Cornewall - 4,000	
		Arthure Champernown	- Wiltes - 2,000	
		John St. Leger	- - Somerset - 4,000	

Sir Walter Raleigh	Cornwall	{ Sir Nicholas Parker - The capitaynes of 6 companies of old souldiers - at Falmouthe - - }	Devon	- 4,000	Adam Kinge.
Lord Marques	Dorsett	{ Capten Robert Williams - Capten Jasper Nicholas - }	Devon	- 4,000	Robert Browne.
Lord Marques	Southampton	{ Capten Jasper Nicholas - Sir Oliver Lambert - Capten Hampden Powlett - Capten Warberton and the captens of two old companies at Portesmouth }	Somerset - Wiltes -	4,000 2,000	
Lord Marques			Berks	- 3,000	
Lord Montjoy			Sussex	- 4,000	
			Surrey	- 3,000	
Commis-sioners	Suffolke	{ Sir Robert Drury Sir Thomas Jermin Sir Clement Higham Capten Rushe Captain Pooley Captain Francis Crofts - - }	over-seers. tray-ners.	{ Norffolk - 3,000 Essex - 4,000 Cambridge - 500 Huntingdon 300 Hertford - 500 }	Thomas Taylor.
Commis-sioners	Norffolke	{ The Lord Cromwell, overseer Sir Christofer Heydon Sir John Townsend Henry Clare - - Captain Nicholas Cottrell. }		{ Suffolk - 4,000 Lyncolne - 3,000 Cambridge - 500 Huntingdon 300 }	
Lord Cobham	Kent	{ Sir Thomas Wilford. Sir John Leveson - - Sir John Scott - - Captain Digges - - Captain Johnson - - Captain Wyatt. }	{ Sussex - Surrey - London - Essex - }	{ 4,000 3,000 3,000 4,000 }	Thomas Mitchell.
Lord Treasurer	Essex	{ Capten Price - - Captain Roger Harvy Capten Tolkerne - - }	{ Kent - London - Hertford - Suffolk - }	{ 4,000 3,000 1,000 3,000 }	

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14 February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroler.

Local troubles
at Mildenhall.

A letter to Sir John Higham, knight. Whereas an humble petition hath bin exhibited unto us by Symon Suckerman, Symon Clarke and others in the behalf of themselves and the rest of the xxiiij capitall pledges of the towne of Mildenhall in the county of Suffolk, wherin they complaine of a great misdemeanour latlie committed by one Robert Pechy and John Kendale, who not only have endevoured to make breach of such good orders as have bin made and sett downe by the said pledges (according to auncient customes concerning the fennes and wast groundes in her Majesty's mannour of Mildenhall aforesaid, but also have therin committed some notable riottes and outrages as we are informed. Wee have therfore thought good uppon the speciall suite and instance of the petitioners before mencioned to commend the consideracion of their complaint unto you, which you shall more particularly understand by their petition which wee send you hereinclosed, praying and requiring you at somme convenient tyme and place to call before you as well the capitall pledges aforesaid as the said Robert Pechy and John Kendale and such others as you shall have notice to have bin actours or partakers with them in the supposed misdemeanour, or so many of both partes as you shall thinke meete to be dealt withall in this behalf, and thereuppon dilligently to examine the matter of fact complained of and the causes thereof, together with all other circumstances fitt to be considered, takinge especial order for the preservacion of her Majesty's peace in this cause, and of your proceedinges and opinion thereof to certefie us with as much speede as you may. And so, &c.

15 February, 1579.

Signed as the former with addicion of the Lord Keeper.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas, Mr. Sollicitour, Mr. Francis Bacon and Mr. Ansley, or to any 3 or 2 of them, whereof the Lord Cheefe Justice to be one. Whereas George Reynill, esquire, Warden of the Fleete, hath complained unto us of somme undue course prosecuted against him by one Robert Brough concerning an informacion exhibited into her Majesty's Courte of Exchequer, grounded rather upon matter of vexacion then uppon any just cause (as the said Mr. Reynill alleadgeth). Wee have bin mooved uppon his humble suite to comend the consideracion of this complaint unto you, praying and requiring you to take vew both of the informacion and of the orders of the Fleete exemplified under the Great Seale of England, and theruppon to informe your selves whether the said Mr. Reynell hath made breache of the said orders (as is informed) or no, and further to consider what shalbe alleadged on both partes for the examinacion of the said orders (if neede shalbe), as also whatsoever ells shall in right concerne or belonge unto him. Of all which you are to certefy us your opinions, that wee may take further order therein for quieting both the Warden and the prisoners. And so, &c.

An action
against the
Warden of
the Fleet.

16 February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Chancclour of th'Exchequer.

A letter to Sir Thomas West, knight, Richard Milles, John Leigh, Thomas Worsley, Andrew Studley, esquires, Robert Chambers, merchant, John Daniell, gentleman, or to

A charge of
High Treason

any 4 or 3 of them. Whereas there hath bin some controversie depending betweene this supliant, Thomas Nicholls of Southampton, and one Harrison that did accuse him of High Treason, which matters of difference is (*sic*) more at large mencioned in the inclosed petition. Forasmuch as both these parties are contented of their owne accordes to make choice of you to heare and determine those causes betweene them, we have therfore thought to praie and require you to take the paines to call them before you and thorowly and indifferently to heare and examine all controversies that are betweene them, and to do your best endevoures to ende and compounde the same that wee maie be no further troubled with new complaint of either party. And even, &c.

17 February, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Treasurer.

Earl of Essex.

The garrison
of Falmouth.

An open warrant to William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Countreyes and of the companies in the West Partes of England. Whereas captain Benjamin Berry that had a company of 100 soldiers at Faulmouth hath given over the charge of the said company and capten Edward Blaney is appointed by us to take charge of the same, these shalbe therefore to require you out of such treasure as from tyme to tyme commeth to your handes to pay or cause to be paid unto the said captaine Edward Blaney such imprest and allowance from tyme to tyme for himself and his officers and the said companie of a 100 as the other captaine had, or as is allowed to other captaines having the like companies in that place, for the which this shalbe your sufficient warrant. From the, &c.

12 (*sic*) February, 1597.

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Lord Archbishop.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to Sir Edward Norreys. Amonge the rest of the companies that are under your governement in the garrison of Ostende there is one whereof capten Hinder hath had the charge a longe tyme, which company foras-much as he is well contented to forgoe, having a meaning otherwise to dispose of himself, wee have considered of some meete person to undertake the charge of the same, and do thinke captain Edward Michelborne a sufficient man for it and worthy the preferment. Wee have therefore resolved to appoint and assigne the charge of the said company unto him, and do accordingly praie and require you to take order that the same together with the armes and furnitures belonginge unto it maie be delivered and comitted unto capten Michelborne, henceforth to be under his leading and conduct, wherin wee doubt not but he will so dischargd his duty for the service of her Majesty as you shall have likinge of him in your garrison and wee shall have cause to thinke the company well bestowed upon him. And so, &c.

The garrison
of Ostend.

16 February, 1597.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Treasurer.

Earl Marshall.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop and Counsell at Yorke. Whereas William Selby, Henry Anderson, Henry Chapman, William Jennison, William Jackson and George Still, inhabitants of the towne of Newcastle of (*sic*) Tyne, are bounde by recognizance taken to her Majesty's use for their apparance at the next Assizes at Yorke to answeare concerning certaine matters in controversie (before your Lordship and the rest of the Counsaile) betwixt them and Robert Dudley and Edward Lewen and others of the same towne.

The
municipal
troubles at
Newcastle

Forasmuch as wee have here taken other order for tryall of the said controversie betwixt them wee have thought meete to lett you understand that uppon this order so taken by us they are to be freed and released of the said recognisances wherin they stand bounde, and do accordingly praie and require you to holde them discharged of their said apparance, and to cause their bondes to be either cancelled or delivered unto themselves againe for their indemnity in that behalf. And so, &c.

18 February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Tresorer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroler.

The late Lord
Kildare's
light horse-
men.

A letter to the Earle of Ormond. Yt pleased her Majestie about a twelve moneth since to give a good and large allowance of money unto the late Earle of Kildare therewith to provide, buy and furnish xxxv able and sufficient light horses for her service in Ireland, and moreover to give order for entertainment of the said number of horsemen uppon vew and muster taken of them. Since the disbursement of which money and the entertainment, the said Earle being deceased, wee have not found any good accompt made and given us of her Majesty's charge and of the employment of the aforesaid number in her service, how they have served, what number have failed and how they have bin supplied, and much lesse do wee know what number there are and how they are employed or disposed of at this present and since the Earle's death. Whereof wee have thought meete to give your Lordship a remembraunce, praying your Lordship to cause the said horses to be vewed and mustered and an accompt to be given your Lordship (if the number be defective) how they have failed or bin disposed of, and to require of the partie or parties to whome the Earle left the charge of

them or that hath the charge of them since his deceasse to supply the number of so many as are wantinge according as it was the parte of the Earle, if he had lived, to do and performe, and finally to take order for their employment in her Majesty's service as was intended and as your Lordship shall think convenient, whereof wee praie your Lordship to certefy us. And so, &c.

Signed and dated as the former.

A letter to the Deputie Leiutenants of the countie of Dorset. Whereas heeretofore expresse order hath bin given by our letters that no inhabitant of any good livelihood or habilitie in the maritime counties either in the townes or other places neere the coast should depart from their dwellings in these doubtfull tymes, which order wee do still confirme and require to be dilligentlie observed unles any person uppon very just and speciall cause shalbe thought meete to be dispenced withall in that behalf. Forasmuch as humble suite hath bin made unto us by Robert Morrys of Waymouth Melcomb Regis in that countie of Dorcett, merchaunt, that he may remoove from thence unto *—— in the countie of Devon, alleadging that the most part of his livinge lyeth there and that the remooving of his dwelling would be most convenient for his health, being a man troubled with the infirmitie of the gowte, wee have therefore thought good to lett you understand that wee thincke it not amisse that he be suffered to remoove his dwelling as he hath desired, and so much the rather because (as wee are informed) he is a man knowen to your selves to be a good and dutifull subject and such a one as wilbe willing to do her Majestie the best service he can wheresoever he dwelleth, and do accordinglie require you to permitt him to remoove his dwelling in such mannor as is above mencioned without any hinderance or excepcion unto him for the same, unles you shall know him to be otherwise affected and disposed then wee have bin informed. And so, &c.

Licence to
move from
Dorset to
Devon.

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Lord Keeper.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Sir John Fortescu.

A rebuke to
Warwickshire
magistrates.

A letter to the High Sheriffe and Justices of the Peace of the countie of Warwicke. Wee have receaved a letter from you bearing date the 28 of January wherby you do signifie the great complaint of the poore in certaine places of that countie for the extreame dearth of graine, and do certefy the cause thereof to be for that divers persons that have stoare of graine do withholde it from the markettes, and by reason of many engrossers of barley for the makinge of mault. Of which extreamity of the poore as wee are sorry to understand, so withall wee cannot but mervaile that you seeinge the causes of the dearth and findinge the faultes (which your selves by your authority as Justices of the Peace and by the helpe of the Justices of Assize upon presentment of such persons as are offendours in manner aforementioned might amende and redresse), yet you referr the complaint unto us, as though th'execucion of such orders as heretofore have bin prescribed for the helpe of the scarsety of this tyme and of such lawes as are in force for punishment of offendours in that kinde did not belonge unto you. Wee can but prescribe and sett downe such orders as wee thinke behoovefull for remedie of theis inconveniences and especially for servinge of the markettes, which we have donne, and as heretofore so againe wee do require of you the execucion and perfourmance of them, and especially that you do straightly enjoyne such persons in the countie as have stoare of graine to serve the markettes therewith, and in like manner severly to restraine and prohibite the makinge of mault after Our Lady daie next (for all the tyme following untill the ende of sommer), and the excessive buying of barley for that use and purpose. Which thinges though you maie sufficiently order by your owne authority and discrecion and punish

those that shall offende, yet if you shall finde any persones obstinatlie disposed to withstand and disobey you, or any notorious offenders who by engrossinge or otherwise hinder the relief of the poore (of which sorte there are divers, as it seemeth, knowen unto you), wee do require you to certefy their names unto us and to take bondes of them for their appearance before us at such tyme as you shall thinke meete. You have added in your letter another cause of the scarsety, for that the corne-masters in the counties neere adjoyning do not bringe in graine to the markettes in your countie as they were wont to do, whereof wee have written unto the Justices of the counties adjoyning and have required them to have conference with you for suche helpe to be given to your county as they maie afforde, and of the time and place of your conference yourselves are to agree. Towching the prices and rate of mault that you desire to be sett downe by us wee do not see how wee can well satisfy you, but must leave yt to such good successe as wee hope the observacion of good orders will procure. And so, &c.

*A *postscript* added. Wee have written unto our very good Lord the Lord Chandois to appoint somme of the Justices of the countie of Glocester to take care of this matter, and to the Justices of Peace of the county of Worcester, and if neede shalbe wee shalbe willing likewise to direct our letters unto other counties adjoining.

A letter to the Earle of Kent of the same tenour as the minute of letters of the 15th of January or thereabouts to the Lords Lieutenantes and Comissioners for the Musters of the counties out of whome soldiers were levied to serve her Majestie in the late Voyage to Spaine under the conduct of the Earle of Essex.

The Islands
Voyage.

A letter to the High Sheriffe and Justices of the Peace of the countie of Worcester. Wee have receaved a letter from the Sheriffe and certaine of the Justices of the county of

The distress
in Warwick-
shire.

* Written in the margin of the MS.

The distress
in Warwick-
shire.

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Warwicke wherby they signify unto us the greevous complaint of the poore people for the extreame want and scarsety of graine in that countie, and specially at Stratford uppon Avon, Alcester and other places thereaboutes, and amonge other causes that they alleadg of the scarsety this is one, that the helpe that was wont to comme out of the countie of Worcester and other counties neere adjoyning by the meanes of divers corne-masters that did furnish their markettes is now taken awaie, the said corne-masters having forsaken their usuall markettes and selling their graine at their owne howses or carrying it to other markettes. For remedy whereof wee have signified by our letters unto the aforesaid Sheriffe and Justices that wee have written unto you, the Justices of that countie, and therefore wee do accordingly by this our letter praie and require you to take order for the succour and relief of the neighbour countie above mencioned and such places thereof as are most in neede by such meanes of supplying their markettes from the neere and neighbour places of your county as heretofore hath bin accustomed and in as large measure as your county maie afforde, for the better effectinge whereof you shall do well to appoint amonge your selves somme of you to conferr with certaine of the Justices of the said county of Warwicke (of whome you maie have notice by sending to the Sheriffe), and to agree in what sorte the said releefe maie be affoarded and what order is to be observed therein. This mutuall helpe and assistance is necessary in this tyme of so extraordinary want, which you ought to yeald as you againe would wish the like to be donne to your countie in like case, but above all thinges wee must remember unto you that wee thinke the speciall meanes of helpe doth consist in the good government of you, the Justices of the Peace, by whome if due care were taken to looke streightly to the abuses of corne-masters wee thinke therby, and by the good example to be shewed by your selves, much good might be donne for the relief of the poore. And so, &c.

The like letter to the Lord Chandois and Justices of Peace of the county of Gloucester, with a *post script* added requiring his Lordship to imparte their letters to such of the Justices of that countie as he knew fittest both for their dwelling and otherwise to take care of the premisses in their said letter contained.

Sunday forenoone and afternoone. At the Court at p. 177.
Whitehall, the 19 of February, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroler.

Sir John Fortescue.

It was ordered this day by the Lordes and others of her Majesty's Counsell, betwixt Robert Dudley, &c., complainants on the one part, and William Selby, &c., defendants on the other part, . viz. :

The trial of
the Newcastle
controversy.

That whereas the said Robert Dudley, Edward Lewin and Henry Sanderson, &c., have heeretofore exhibited an information and complaint before the Counsaile at Yorke against William Selby, Henry Anderson, Henry Chapman, William Jennison, &c., of the towne of New Castle for mispending of the revenues of that towne and for the converting of a great lease of the coale mynes there to their owne private use and profitt, which as they alleadg should have bin employd to the common benefitt of the said towne, and moreover for misbehaving themselves in electing persons irreligious to be cheefe officers of that towne, and for sondry other misdemeanours pretended to have bin committed by the said defendants. Forasmuch as the tryall of the said accusacions hath longe depended and the matters remaine as yeat undecided, especiallie by reason of some doubtfulnes where the

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ontroversy.

said accusacions were most meete to be examyned and tryed, namelie whether before the Counsaile at Yorke or before certaine Comissioners to be appointed at the towne of New Castle, whereuppon and by meanes of sondrie petitions presented to the Lordes of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile direccions have bin given diverslie at severall tymes for th'examynacion and tryall of the said complaints at the places above mencioned. And whereas by occasion of this variaunce and disagreement concerning the place of the tryall the parties above mencioned, both complaynants and defendautes, have latelie bin sent for by warrant and comaunded to appeare together at the Counsell Table, which they have accordinglie donne, yt is this day ordered by the Lordes and the rest of her Majesty's Privy Counsell, uppon the declaracion of the greevaunces uttered by the complaynants and the aunsweres made thereunto by the defendants, that for a finall and direct proceeding to the tryall a Commission shalbe taken out of her Majesty's Court of the Chauncerie to be passed under the Greate Seale of England and to be directed to Dr. James, Deane of Duresme, and two of the Counsaile at Yorke, namelie Charles Hales and John Ferne, esquires, who shall repaire unto New Castle within the space of three monethes after the Commission to them delivered, and shall there take the examynacion as fullie and perfectlie as they can of all such matters concerning the aforesaid complaintes (which are in question betwixt the complaynants and defendautes) by such witnesses and other proofes as shalbe produced by the parties on either side, or required by the said Commissioners, and uppon such articles and interrogatories as the parties on either side shall mutuallie offer and propounde. All which examynacions so taken the said Commissioners shall certifie with convenient speede and directlie unto the Lordes and the rest of her Majesty's Privy Counsell, to th'ende that order may be taken thereuppon for speedie proceeding unto a sentence and judgment. And moreover because the taking

out of the said Commission and the repaire of the Commissioners unto New Castle and their entertainment there cannot be without expence and charge, yt is likewise ordered that for the present the said charge and expence shalbe borne and defrayed by the complaynautes, with condicion that the defendaunts shall repaie the same againe unto them (over and besides any other penaltie that shalbe thought meete to be inflicted on them) if they shalbe found guiltie of the misdemeanours or of any of them wherewith they are charged, or otherwise that the complaynaunts (in case the defendautes shalbe found unjustlie to be accused) shall sustayne the whole charge without demaund of any repayment, and shall further stand to any such order as shalbe sett downe for punishment of their unjust accusacion. p 8.

These 3 letters following signed by all the Lordes at this Session and dated the 19 of February.

A letter to Raffe Beeston, Robert Kaye, John Lacye and Nicholas Radcliffe, esquires, and to every of them. Wee greete you well and do give you to understand that wee fynding our selves not satisfied with an aunswere you have made us of late by your letter concerning the contribucion to be leavied in the West Riding of Yorkeshire toward the charge of a shipp sett foorth by the cittie of Yorke and port of Hull in the Voyadge to Cadiz, have thought good to call you to make your personall apparaunce and aunswere heere before us at the Court for our farther satisfaccion, and therefore wee do heereby will and require you to be present and to give your attendaunce heere before us by the tenth day of March next, at what tyme you shall farther understand what is to be said unto you. Heereof faile you not, &c.

Cadiz ship-money still unpaid in the West Riding

A letter to the Lordes Justices of Ireland and Earle of Ormond. Whereas for the encrease and supplie of her Majesty's forces in that realme of Ireland diverse companies have bin of late sent thither which before had

The officers of the Picardy troops in Ireland.

served in Fraunce and were employed in Picardy for the use of the French Kinge, whereof when wee gave you notice by our letters wee did withall require that such captaines of the said companies as should refuse to come with the charge of their companies into Ireland should be remooved and discharged from the same. Wee have thought meete to lett you understand that our meaning in the said direccion was not to be understood against those captaines which by sicknes or by any other just and necessary impediment should be absent, and therefore although captaine Boswell, being one of those captaines whose companies are come thither, came not together with his company nor doth as yeat attend his charge, nevertheles forasmuch as he hath bin hindered by th'extremity of sicknes he is to be holden very excusable, and therefore wee do praie and require you to take order that he may not be discharged in respect of his absence but that his company may be continued unto him during the tyme of his sicknes, and that in the meane while the same may be holden and governed by his leiutenaunt to the use and behoofe of the said captaine, whome wee have required and comaunded to attend his charge as soone as hee shall recover his health. And so, &c.

The like letter written unto them in the behalf of captaine Edmund Wylton, who by reason of very greivous and desperate woundes that he receaved in the service in Fraunce and not as yeat cured could not attend his charge, and do therfore praie them that his company maie not be taken from him.

19 February.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord Treasurer.

and Earle Marshall.

Warrant for
arrest.

A warrant to a Messenger of the Chamber to bringe one John Aske before their Lordships.

19 February.

Signed by the

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroller.

Sir John Fortescue.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publique officers in the countie of Norfolk requiring them to permitt and suffer Miles Hull of Yarmouth, merchaunt, or such as he should appoint, to traunsport the quartitie (sic) of 800 quarters of wheate unto the cittie of London, which he had bought and provided in the said countie of Norfolk for the provision and use of that cittie, &c., notwithstanding any former restraint.

Wheat for
London from
Norfolk.

Signed and dated as before.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhopp, knight, Treasurour of the Chamber, to pay unto John Dunn for his charges and expence in bringing letters to her Majestie from the Governour of Deipe and two Spanish prisoners sent over from the said Governour the summe of eight poundes.

Letters and
prisoners
from Dieppe.

Signed as the Session except the

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Lord Northe. Mr. Comptroler.

19 February, 1597.

A letter to Mr. Quarles and Mr. Dorell. Whereas her Majesty having intelligence of some fleete of her ennemies in the Narrow Seas findeth it very needfull presently to addresse and sett out somme more of her owne shippes for the strengthninge of such as already are abroad and in readynes for her service and for encountringe of any the ennemie's attemptes, which said shippes to be sett forthe do require to be furnished with a good proporcion of victuall. Wee do therfore will and require you with all speede to make provision of so muche good victuall as maie serve for the victualling

Strengthening
the Channel
squadron.

of three or fower of her Majesties shippes (which shalbe appointed by the Lord Admirall to goe forthe), employing or that purpose such victuall as you have already in store and taking up so much more in and about the cittie (where you shall finde any meete for that use) as may suffice for the service above mencioned, agreeing with the parties for the price of whome you shall take the same, and for the payment and discharge for such victualles so taken up by you upon your certificat thereof order shalbe taken by the Lord Treasurour. Heerein wee pray you use all speede and dilligence. And so, &c.

19 February.

Signed by the

Lord Archbishop.	Earl Mareshall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Treasuror.	Lord Buckhurst.

Sir John Fortescue.

The arms left
by Lord Essex
at Plymouth.

A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. You shall understand that uppon the sight and perusall of a certificat of the armes which were left at Plymmouth and delivered into your custodie (by the order and appointment of me, the Earle of Essex, then her Majesty's Generall) after the returne from the late Voyadg that was made to the Islandes, wee have thought good by our letters to the severall counties whence the armes were taken to give notice of the said armes and furnitures and parcelles of them (according to the schedule that was brought and shewed unto us) so lefte at Plymmouth, referring it to the choise of the counties whether they would receave the armes backe againe or lett them remaine at Plymmouth to be used againe for each severall countie uppon somme other employment. Since which tyme wee have receaved aunswere for somme of the counties that they are contented to lett the armes remayne at Plymmouth, so as they may be discharged of the provision of the like quantitie uppon any new employment wherein their service

shalbe required, and what will be the aunswere of the rest of the counties wee do not as yeat know, but it is like enough that the most of them wilbe of the same resolucion. Heereuppon wee have thought it needefull by this our letter to give you a remembraunce to cause all the said armes to be safelie kept and to be well looked unto, that they may not be onlie foorth comminge when they shalbe demaunded but found fitt for use and service, for which purpose you shall do well to appoint somme meete person to take care for the safetie of them and for their cleane keeping, least when the severall counties heereafter shall require to be acquitted of the like proporcion they may be found wanting or unserviceable, and as wee finde some of the counties alreadie willing to yeald somme reasonable recompence for the keeping of them, so wee doubt not but the rest will agree thereunto, especiallie because it is supposed the charge will proove but small and easie. Howbeit if any of the said counties shall thincke better to send for the armes belonging unto them by any person or persons sufficiently authorized to receave them, wee do require you to cause the said armes to be delivered unto them by indenture and withall to certifie us of the delivery by your letter. So, &c.

19 February.

Signed and dated as before.

A letter to the Justices of Peace and Treasurours for
maymed soldiers in the countie of Northampton that A crippled
soldier.
whereas one William Buxton, a poore maymed soldier,
maketh complaint unto us that he having made his repaire
unto you with credible certificat of his hurtes and maymes
receaved in her Majesty's services, you do nevertheles refuse
or delaie to yeald him such allowaunce for his maintenaunce
in that countie of Northampton (where he was borne) as by
the statute is ordayned for persons of his sort and qualitie.
Wee have bin therefore mooved to write these our letters unto
you requiring you to take order for his satisfaccion in this
behalf as well for the tyme past as to come, or elles if there
be just cause of restraint to certifie us. So, &c.

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At the Court at Whitehall, the 16 of February, 1597.

Lord Tresorer. Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Italian
merchants
and English
pirates.

Whereas her Majestie having taken knowledg of a greevous complaint made by two Italian merchantes, namely Virgilio Corbetsi and Francesco Betti, subjectes of the Duke of Florence, for a spoile committed on them, being in a shipp called the St. John Babtiste, passenge from Ancona in Italy towards Alexandria in Egipte, by an English shipp called the David and the company thereof sett forth to sea by Frauncis Cherrie and Henry Tymberley of London, owners, and Thomas Offley and Edward Parvis, merchantes, frayters of the said shipp, the which spoile is reckoned by the said Italians to amount in money and marchandizes to the valew of 32,000 crownes. And whereas the examinacion of the said complaint hath bin by her Majestie referred unto the Lord Tresorer, the Earle Marshall and the Lord Buckhurst, that theruppon such satisfaccion should be ordered to be made as should be founde due unto the complainantes, forasmuch as it hath manifestly appeared unto the said Lords of her Majesty's Counsaile (by examinacion of the parties on both sides, being heard with such counsaile of law as they brought with them) that the said complainantes were unjustly spoiled by the English shipp above mencioned, it is therfore this daie ordered by the said Lords of her Majesty's Counsaile that all such goodes and money as are extant and in the handes either of Sir John Harte or of William Pope, Sergeant of the Admiralty, or of any other person, being the money and goodes of the said Italians, shalbe forthwith delivered unto them.

And whereas parte of the money belonging unto the Italians was expended for the revictualling of the said shipp of Frauncis Cherrie called the David after the spoile committed, which money is founde to amounte to the somme of 1,200 ryalls of 8, it is likewise ordered that the said Cherrie shall repaye unto the Italians so much money as shall answer

in valew the 1,200 ryalls aforesaid, all which shalbe donne by writinge indented, wherby the delivery of such money and goodes maie particularly appeare. Moreover, forasmuch as all the money and goodes taken from the said Italians are not extant but a good parte thereof wantinge, and the said Italians do also complaine of the certaine, apparant and imediate damages which beside the said money and goodes they have sustained by the said spoile, it ys also ordered that Phillip Corsini, *—— Garrawaie and Richard Stapers, merchantes, shall consider and enquire by the purser's booke, billes of ladinge, writinges and by all such other good meanes as they can how much of the money, marchandizes and goodes laden in the said shipp, the St. John Babtiste, are yet wantinge, and also what apparant, certaine and imediate damages the said Italian merchantes have sustained by the said spoile, which being donne and a due accompt and computacion thereof made and sett downe by the said Corsini, Garrawaie and Stapers, it is ordered that so much of the goodes of the merchantes or owners of the aforesaid shipp called the David remaining on shippboarde as shall suffice and satisfy for the quantety of the money and goodes of the Italians wantinge, and of any damages thought due to be recompensed, shalbe taken aparte and sequestred untill finall order shalbe taken in this cause, of which goodes so sequestred, if any parte shalbe thought subject to wastinge or decaye by this keeping and sequestracion, it shalbe lawfull for the said English merchantes to take order for the sale of such parte of the goodes, so as the money thereof issuing be paid and delivered to the handes of Sir John Harte, to remaine with him *in deposito* untill the cause shalbe determined by the Lords of her Majesty's Counsaile abovenamed. For the accomplishing whereof the said Corsini, Garrawaie and Stapers shall receave of Mr. Dr. Cæsar, Judg of the Admiralty, all the bookes, billes of ladinge, charter partie letters and other writinges (which he hath in his custody)

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merchants
and English
pirates.

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taken in the said shipp, the St. John Babtiste, to be vewed and perused by them, and that they shall have aucthority to call before them and examine the owners, merchantes, marryners or any other of the company of the said shipp, the David, upon such pointes and articles as they shall thinke needfull concerning this cause, for which purpose the Judg of the Admiralty shall give aucthority to the said three merchantes to depose by oathe such as they shall finde needfull to be sworne for manifestacion of the truthe.

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Signed at the Session on Sondag.

The garrison
of Ostend.

An open warrant to William Meredith. Whereas capten Degory Hinder that had the charge of a company of a 150 soldiers in the garrison of Ostende hath given over the charge of the said company and capten Edward Michelborne is appointed by us to take charge of the same, these shalbe therfore to require you out of such treasure as from tyme to tyme cometh to your handes to paie or cause to be paid unto the said captaine Edward Michelborne such imprest and allowance from tyme to tyme for himself and his officers and the said company of a 150 as the other capten had or as is allowed to other captaines having the like companies in that place, for the which this shalbe, &c.

At the Court at Whitehall, the 19 of February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop of	Lord Chamberlaine.
Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Mr. Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Sir John Fortescue.

A dispute
as to prize
goods.

Whereas William Morcombe of Barstable, merchant, hath bin called before the Lords of the Counsaile to answeare a complaint of captaine George Sommers concerning the unjust vexacion offred and continued for many yeares (as it is alleadged) by Morcombe unto Sommers by suites of law for the goodes taken a good while since in certaine prizes

at sea, wherein both the parties had somme interest, notwithstanding that there was longe agoe by the Lord Admirall, Sir Frauncis Walsingham, then her Majesty's Secretary, Doctor Cæsar, Judg of the Admiralty, and Sir John Hawkins, knight, an order and agreement sett downe for the particion of the goodes of the said prizes. Forasmuch as the said captaine Sommers hath shewed the order aforesaid on his behalf and Morcombe alleadgeth that the said order was sett downe uppon wrongfull and insufficient informacion, it is therefore this day ordered by the Lords and the rest of her Majesty's Privye Counsaile that both the plaintife and defendant shall attend the returne of the Lord Admirall to the Courte (now being absent), and that his Lordship's opinion towching the said former agreement is to be knowen and receaved, which if his Lordship shall approove for good, it is thought meete that both parties shall stand unto it and a surcease shalbe procured of any further suites, or if his Lordship shall thinke the same fitt to be altered, then uppon his reporte their Lordships and the rest of the Counsaile wilbe pleased to consider of somme farther order to be taken herein.

A letter to the Master of the Revelles and Justices of Peace of Middlesex and Surrey. Whereas licence hath bin graunted unto two companies of stage players retayned unto us, the Lord Admyral and Lord Chamberlain, to use and practise stage playes, whereby they might be the better enabled and prepared to shew such plaies before her Majestie as they shalbe required at tymes meete and accustomed, to which ende they have bin cheefelie licensed and tollerated as aforesaid, and whereas there is also a third company who of late (as wee are informed) have by waie of intrusion used likewise to play, having neither prepared any plaie for her Majestie nor are bound to you, the Masters (*sic*) of the Révelles, for perfourming such orders as have bin prescribed and are enjoyned to be observed by the other two companies before mencioned. Wee have therefore thought good to require you uppon receipt heereof

A company
of actors
to be
suppressed

to take order that the aforesaid third company may be suppressed and none suffered heereafter to plaie but those two formerlie named belonging to us, the Lord Admyrall and Lord Chamberlaine, unles you shall receave other direccion from us. And so, &c.

23 February.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This daie Ephraim Woodrington of Ersben Forrest in the countie of Northumberland, gentleman, Luke Errington, Andrew Clennell, Roger Ogle, servants to Henry Woodrington, esquire, and John Smithe, servant to the aforesaid Ephraim, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant have made their apparaunces accordingle, which for their indempnities is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendaunce on their Lordships at their meeting in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their honours' order they shalbe dismissed.

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Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl Marshall.	Lord Northe.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.

Defaulting
Devonshire
gentlemen.

A letter to Mr. Champernowne. Uppon perusall of the numbers of the companies of horse in the countie of Devon, though wee find a lower and shorter reckoning then wee did expect, yet wee perceave that you have donne your endeavour not without somme good effect to supply the wantes and to advance the service, for the which as wee thinke you worthy of comendacion and wish you to continew in the same course still, so forasmuch as wee understand that there are divers gentlemen and others in the countrie there that do refuse to present unto the musters such horses as are and have bin required of them by you and as are thought agreable to their hability, of which number wee are certefied that those persons are

especially faulty whose names are sett downe in a schedule written in the foote of this our letter. Wee have thought it needfull to take knowledg of their undutifulnes towardes her Majesty's service, and therefore do praie and require you, if they shall persist in their former refusall and deniall or shall not perfourme their duty in presentinge to the musters such horses as shalbe thought fitt by you to be charged uppon them, to take good bondes of them and every of them for their apparance before us to make their answeare at such tyme as you shall thincke good to lymitt and prescribe, which to do this our letter shalbe your warrant, requiring them not to faile of their apparance, as they will answeare for the same at their perill. And so, &c.

This letter being new written there was added in the later ende somme few wordes requiring him to shew the letter to the parties of whome he was to take bonde.

Christopher Hillardson of Mem-
bland, esquire.

Christopher Saverey of Totnes,
esquire.

William Strode of Holberton,
esquire.

Jeffrey Babb of Totnes.

William Shepheard of Kingston.

Richard Rope of Estallington.

Hughe Reetch of Modbury.

21 February, 1597.

Lord Treasurer. Earl Marshall.

Lord Admirall.

A letter to Mr. Justice Walmesley and Justice Fenner, Justices of Assize of the county of Dorsett. The petition and complaint hereinclosed exhibited unto us against one Henry Dunning of the county of Dorsett was meete to have bin presented unto you at the Assizes without any meanes of our letters, but sithence it hath come in this manner unto our handes wee cannot but referr it unto you, and do hereby praie and require you to take knowledg of the complaint of the parties mencioned in the petition, An engrosser
of grain.

namely of Willis, Jeanes and Vincent against the aforesaid Dunninge, and if you shall finde him to be such an oppressor and wrongdoer either towarde them or towarde others as he is reported to be, or to be an ingrosser of graine as the petition mencioneth, to take order according to law for the petitioners' releefe and for punishment of him so offending. And so, &c.

23 February, 1597.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Northe.
Earl Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Sir John Fortescue.

Complaints
against the
Governor of
Guernsey.

A letter to Mr. Dr. Cæsar and Mr. Beale. Having of late receaved a complaint of the Jurattes of Guernzey, namelie Nicholas Martin, John Effart and William Beauvoir, for divers greevances pretended to be offred and sondry wronges donne to them by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Captaine of the said Isle, wee have thought meete theruppon to make knowen the said complaintes unto Sir Thomas Leighton and to require his answeere unto them. Which being donne and his answeere returned unto us, forasmuch as wee finde the particularities many on both sides and the matters both of complaint and aunswere (being sett downe at large) to be longe and to have neede of somme consideration, wee have therefore made choise of you, the Master of Requestes and Mr. Beale, to take into your handes the papers and writinges of the said complaintes and answeres exhibited unto us, to be by you perused and advisedly considered of, praying and requiring you to take the paines with as much speede as conveniently you may to conferr together and to peruse dilligently the said complaintes and answeres (which you shall understand particularly by the writing which you shall receave herewith), and uppon advised consideration of the same to deliver and make report unto us what you shall finde on either side meete in your opinions to be certefied unto us and agreable unto truthe and right. And, &c.

23 February, 1597.

This daie Mathew Otley of Sittingborne in the county of Kent having bin sent for by warrant from the Lords of the Counsaile to answeare such matters as should be objected against him hath made his apparaunce accordingly, which for his indempnity is here entred, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' name to give his daily attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme at their meetings in Counsell, and not to depart untill by their Lordships' order he shalbe dismissed.

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before the
Council.

23 February, 1597.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Admirall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to captaine George Carey. Whereas you have bin of late appointed by us with a company under your charge to remaine at Dartmouth for such employment and service there as should be found needfull by occasion of any attempt that might happen to be made by the ennemy thereaboutes. Now forasmuch as it is thought more necessary to remove the said company from thence unto Plymmouth then to continew it any longer there, wee do therfore require you to put your self and your company in readynes forthwith to remove unto Plymmouth and to marche thither with such convenient speede as you may, so as you may be there by the fowerth daie of Marche next, where you shall finde order taken for the entertaynment and for the disposinge of your self and your company, letting you know that when you shall comme thither you shalbe under the comandement of Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, colonell of the forces that are there, whose direccions you are to attend and follow. And so, &c.

The regular
forces in the
West.

Signed as before with addicion of Mr. Comptroler
and dated the 24th.

A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. You have signified unto us that you holde your selfe to[o] weake for numbers of men there under your comandement if there should happen any cause of service against the enemy, and therefore wee have considered of somme encrease of your numbers to be given you. There hath bin left at Dartmouth one company whereof George Carey is captaine, for the remove whereof unto Plymmouth wee have given order and direccion by our letters unto the said captaine, and have required him so to put him selfe in readynes and his company as that they maie be at Plymouth by the fowerth of the next monneth, whether being comme you are to dispose of them as you shall finde conveniency for their aboade and for her Majesty's service. So wee, &c.

23 February.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Sir John Fortescue.

Grain for
Galway.

An open warraunt to all her Majesty's publique officers and especiallie to the Mayour and cheefe officers of the port of Southampton. Whereas humble suite hath bin made unto us in the behalf of the Mayour and Corporacion of Galwaie in Ireland that they may be suffered to traunsport out of this realme one hundred quarters of wheate and barlie and twentie tonnes of beere for the use of the said towne and for the better provision of the soldiers in garrison there at this present, wee have therefore thought good to yeald unto their request in this behalf, requiring you to permitt and suffer the bearer heereof, John Linche, their factour, or such other as he shall appoint for that purpose (notwithstanding any former restraint) to embarque at that port of Southampton

the aforesaid quantitie of one hundred quarters of wheate and barlie and twentie tonnes of beere and not above that proporcion, so as he give you good securitie to her Majesty's use by sufficient sureties either of your port or other English persons of habilitie to traunsport the same unto Galwaie aforesaid and not elles where, and thereof to returne you due certificat accordinglie as in like cases is accustomed. And so, &c.

24 February.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl Mareshall.	Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lord Mayour and Sheriffes of London. Whereas not long sithe by her Majesty's letters pattentes under the Great Seale of England, bearing date the 26 daie of the last monneth of Januarie, it was signified unto you how that upon a petition exhibited by the Alderman of the Stillyard unto us of her Highnes' Counsell to have a further daie given unto them for their departure, and for other consideracions mencioned in the said letters pattentes her Majestie was then well pleased to have the daie of her former comaundement for their said departure prolonged, and to permitt them to contynue in the Howse of the Stillyard untill the last daie of this present moneth of February or for such a further tyme as wee of her Counsaile, understanding that the English subjectes should be well used in the Empire and territories beyond the seas, should thinck good, and giving us authoritie by the said letters pattentes to enlarge the same tyme by our letters unto you. Forasmuch as wee have bin latelie enformed from Stade that there is somme hope conceaved that the Emperour's mandate against the trade of the English subjectes and Company of the Merchaunts Adventurers wilbe qualified and mitigated either by himself or somme decree of the

The banishment of the Steelyard merchants delayed.

Imperiall Diett and Assembly now holden in the city of Ratisbona, whereof wee doubt not but shortlie wee shall receave more certaine advertisementes, wee have thought good in the meane tyme to signifie unto you that her Majestie is well pleased and contented to enlarge the former daie of the last of this present moneth appointed for the departure of the merchauntes of the Hanses and Stillyard untill the last daie of the next moneth of March, whereof we pray you to give them present knowledge, nevertheless charging them (as you were before by her Majesty required) uppon their perilles that none of them do in the meane season attempt to depart the realme or to withdraw themselves from their ordinarie residence in that Howse without satisfaccion of her Majesty's subjectes for their due debtes, as hath bin by our former letters signified unto you, and likewise that they suffer not any wast, alteracion or chaunge to be made or donne in the Howse untill her Majesty's further pleasure shalbe knownen. And this shalbe (according to the authority given unto us in her Majesty's said former letters pattentes heretofore addressed unto you) your sufficient warraunt and discharge in that behalfe.

24 February.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord North.

Mr. Comptroler.

A Dutch
complaint.

A letter to Gilbert Blackaller and Thomas Fortescue, esquire. Whereas complaint hath bin made unto us by one Martin Cornelison of Rotherdam (*sic*) in Holland that contrarie to a sentence and order of the Court of Admiraltie you do refuse or neglect to yeald him satisfaccion for the fraught of a shipp named the Griffen of Rotherdam aforesaid (latelie taken by you on the seas in a voyadg of reprisall), albeit

you entered into bond together with a suretie to make payment thereof at tymes by your self agreed on and appointed, which nevertheles you have not hitherunto perfourmed, but have suffered your bond to be forfeited, whereby the poore straunger remayneth unpaid, to his great hinderaunce and damage. Wee have bin therefore mooved to write these our letters unto you, requiring you either to make him present satisfaccion as well for the fraught of the said shipp as for his reasonable expence and charges susteyned by your default heerein, or elles both your self and your said suretie to make your apparaunce before us at the Court by the *—— of *—— next to shew cause of your refusalles.

26 February.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to the Earle of Ormond. It is longe since wee gave you advertisement of the companies that were appointed to comme out of Picardy into Ireland, and wee are sorie, both in respect of her Majesty's great charge and for the hinderaunce of their service, that they have bin so unfortunatelie detayned and delaid in their passage. Which companies though by our former directions wee appointed to be so ordered and distributed as that the custome and order of the service heeretofore used in Ireland should be observed in making everie company to be of the number of 100 and no more (which order in generality wee do still thinck meete to be contynued), nevertheles wee have bin mooved uppon somme extraordinary occasion to thinck it not amisse to dispense in this behalf with Sir Henry Poore (who hath the charge to bring the said companies from Picardy to Ireland), and to yeald him so much favour as that his company in Ireland (as heeretofore it hath bin in Picardy) may be and consist of 200.

The Picardy
troops in
Ireland.

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And this favour, though wee do thincke meete to be yealded unto him in regard he hath served latelie as a collonell in Picardy, and is a man of very good desert, yet our meaninge is not that it shalbe drawen into example, and therefore wee do pray and require you in the ordering and disposing of the companies aforesaid to allow his company to be as heeretofore it hath bin of 200, letting both him and others understand uppon what speciall consideracion wee have yealded thereunto.

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The estate
of the late
Lord Deputy.

A letter to the Lords Justices and Counsaile of Ireland. Wee are enformed by the Lady Burgh uppon the returne of the gentlemen authorised by us for the gathering together of the estate of the late Lord Burgh, Lord Deputy there, that much of the goodes belonging to him are wasted and somme detayned, and the lease corne due for the harvest past, in which tyme he served and lived there her Majesty's Deputy, not answered nor any money returned hether for the same, wherby her Majesty might be satisfied and the charge of his Lordship's corpes with the attendantes on it discharged, as wee required in our letters directed unto you bearing date the 27 of December last. In all which wee cannot but mervaile that so honorable a gentleman (deserving so well of your Lordships in particular and the rest of that kingdome, as wee are informed he hath donne, besides his desert at her Majesty's handes for his service, which ought to have bin respected) should receave such slender requitalls, and it is farre contrary to our expectacions to understand that the gentlemen authorised should not in those busynesses receave a thorough dispatch in their proceedinges, seeing wee in our letters to you in that behalf have earnestly desired aswell your best assistances therein as also particularly required that all the said goodes and lease corne should be delivered into their possession, in whose handes soever they should be founde, or money for the same.

Now forasmuch as wee find not th'accomplishment of our request therein and that the gentlemen affirme that they were much delayed and in many thinges (as they thought most reasonable) somewhat discountenaunced, wee therefore do by theis our letters very earnestly require your Lordships and the rest that presently uppon the receipt hereof not only the goodes detayned and the defaultes of the risinges out of the countrie for which the said Lord Deputy did satisfy with his owne money, and the rest of his Lordship's goodes uncollected according to a memoriall from the Lady Burghe under her hand, but also the lease and porte corne maie be delivered into the possession of this bearer, sent thither only for the same purpose, or money for the corne according to the price of the markett there, to be transported hether agreable to direccions given him by the Lady Burgh in that behalf. And further where wee understand by the Lady Burghe that somme of her servantes have bin arrested there at the suite of one Mapstone, a purveyour of his Lordship's stable, for somme moneyes supposed by him dew from the Lord Burghe to him upon his accompte, wee in like sorte require your Lordships and the rest that his accomptes and the stewarde's (though already perused by the gentlemen authorised at their being there) maie be sent over hither to be revewed, wherin what (uppon prooffe) shall fall out to be dew (not already satisfied or payed) they shall receave from her Ladyship dew contentement of, and therefore desire the suite depending there in the Kinge's Benche may be dismissed and the parties' suerties released. Thus nothing doubting but that this bearer shall receave all favourable assistance that maie be from your Lordships, &c., to the full and speedy dispatch of all the premisses according to our earnest request, wee bidd, &c.

The estate
of the late
Lord Deputy.

24 February.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Mareshall.	Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

The
observance
of Lent.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London. Whereas the last yeare by her Majesty's comaundement wee caused certaine good and necessarie orders for restraint of killing and eatinge of fleshe in the tyme of Lent to be sett downe and published in printe, and by our letters to the then Lord Maiour did comend the said orders to be put in execucion. Although wee found and perceaved that they were then not so well observed as was meete nor the penalties imposed on the offendours in that kinde as were due, yet wee have thought needefull to cause the same orders (with somme little alteracion) to be renewed and have given order for the publishing of them, hoping that you will have more care to see the same observed and put in execucion and the offendours punished then heeretofore hath bin had, which wee do the more earnestlie require you to do because the dearth and scarcetie of all sorte of victualles contynewing as it hitherto hath donne, it is greatelie to be doubted that it will grow to somme great extremitie if there be not a better abstinence used then hath bin. Wee have bin certified heeretofore of many bondes taken, but of any bondes put in suite (though wee doubt not but many were knowen to be forfeicted) or of any other punishment laied uppon the offendours wee have not knowen, which neglect is the cause of the contynuance of the disorder and wilbe still unlesse you looke better unto it, which wee hope you will do, &c.

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At the Court at Whitehall, the 24 of February.

Present :

Lord Keeper.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl Mareshall.	Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

24 February.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Admyrall.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord North.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to George Carie of Cockington, esquire. Whereas wee formerlie wrate unto you to deale with some merchants of those partes to see what would be given for the Spanish shipp which was brought into Dartmouth by our verie good Lord the Earle of Essex and thereof to certifie us, to the end wee might give our allowaunce of the bargain, and that wee are informed from you that George Sommers hath offered one hundred and fifty poundes for her, with reservacion of her ordynaunce from (*sic*) her Majestie, which wee hold to be a reasonable offer, these shalbe therefore to require you to cause the said shipp, together with her anchours, cables, tackle and all other furniture, to be delivered unto the said Georg Sommers or his assignes, he paying unto Nicholas Owseley the said 150^{li}. to her Majesty's use, and for the ordinaunce you shall dispose thereof to her Majesty's use also as our said good Lord the Earle of Essex shall appoint. And so, &c.

The Spanish
prize at
Dartmouth.

24 February.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurour.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to the Comissioners for taking the Musters in the countie of Chester. Wee have receaved a letter from you of late whereby you make knownen unto us the charge that the country beareth by the maintenaunce of a Muster-Master which hath bin appointed in that countie of Chester, and your desire to be sett at libertie for the choise of a new Muster-Master that may be lesse chargeable and more to the liking of the countrie then it seemeth by your

A new
Muster-
Master for
Cheshire.

letter the partie is that now holdeth the place. For our partes wee have alwaies desired to give as little cause of charge to the countrie in these services as may be and have wished such men in the place as might be most agreable to the good liking of the countrie, and therefore since it appeareth that it is otherwise with that Muster-Master you now have wee wish him to be discharged. But withall because it is meete for us to have notice of those that are appointed for that service in everie countie, as wee do allow of your desire to be discharged of the Muster-Master you have alreadie, so wee thinck good to comende another unto you for that place, namelie captain Robert Warberton, of whome wee suppose the countrie will have better likinge both in respect he is that countryman and for his sufficiencie to execute that service. For his mainenance and recompence we will not prescribe any thinge unto you, but do referr him unto your discrecion and to the good will of the countrie. And so, &c.

24 February.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Earl Mareshall.

Mr. Comptroler.

The troubles
of a Sheriff's
officer.

An open warraunt to all her Majesty's publique officers. Whereas Jasper Whitteridg, one of the Sheriffe's Sergeauntes of the cittie of London, hath complayned unto us that he is like to receave very great hinderaunce and prejudice by the unhonest dealing of one Nicholas Bushopp of the said cittie, soape boiler, for whome the suppliant became baile in the Compter uppon the speciall instance and protestacions of the said Bushopp to save him harmeles. Forasmuch as it appeareth unto us, as well by the suppliant's complaint as by other testimony that wee have receaved from the Lord Maiour and somme of the Aldermen of the cittie of London, that the said Nicholas Busshopp doth

absent himself from his dwelling howse and doth lurke secreatlie for the most part in places obscure or unknowen, intending thereby (as it seemeth) to laie the burthen of his debt upon the said Whitteridg, to his utter undooing if somme good order be not taken for his releif, these shalbe therefore to require you and everie of you to whome it may appertaine to be aiding and assisting unto the said Jaspar Whitteridg, or to the bearer heereof in his behalf, for the apprehencion of the said Nicholas Bushopp wheresoever you shall have notice of his aboade or being, so as he may be foorth comminge and delivered over to the Sheriffes of London, to be aunswerable in due course of law concerning this matter. Heereof faile you not, &c.

24 February.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl Mareshall.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Treasurours for maymed soldiers and marriners in the cittie of London. Whereas these three poore marryners, Robert Middleton, Henry Hilton and Thomas Swynborn, who served in a shipp of that cittie of London named the Prosperous sett foorth in the late Voyadge to Spayne, receaved very greivous hurtes and maymes in a fight with the Spanish prizes that were taken in the said Voyadge (as may evidentlie appeare unto you by the certificat which wee send you heereinlosed), whereby they are utterlie dishabled any longer to serve. Wee have therefore thought good to addresse them unto your Lordship with these our letters, praying and requiring you to take order that they and everie of them may be provided of such an yearelie pencion for their releefe and maintenaunce (according to the places and offices they served in) as by the statute in that behalf is ordeyned. Whereof not doubting but your Lordship will have due regard, wee bidd, &c.

Provision for
crippled
seamen.

24 February.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Admyrall.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Comptroler.

Armour and
weapons lost
on service.

A letter to the Earle of Kent. Your Lordship's care to see the countrie well satisfied concerning their armes is much to be commended, and wee wish the same care to be contynued by you and the like to be used by others. But your Lordship knoweth that it cannot be expected that in the service of the warres there can be so exact a custodie of armes as that all may be restored unto the countrie, and especiallie in a service of such sort as this last was at the sea and land, full of incumbrance and difficulties by reason of troblesom weather, and therefore though the reckoning that hath bin made by captain Allen do comme short of the proporcion that was receaved of the countrie, yet having required of him an aunswere for the defectes that your Lordship hath noted wee do find his excuse not without reason for the losse of such armes or parcelles as are wanting. Wee do therefore praie your Lordship to lett the countrie understand that there hath bin no care wanting in this behalf, and as for the armes that are at Plymmouth, since you thincke meete that they shall remaine there, the like regard shalbe had for the safe keeping of them. Somme little allowaunce is to be made for the looking unto them, which other counties are willing to affourd, and we thincke that countie of Bedford wilbe contented to do the like. And so, &c.

Market tolls
at Gains-
borough.

A letter to the Lord Willughby of Parham, Sir George St. Pool and Sir William Wraye. Wee do send you heereinlosed a petition that hath bin exhibited unto us by one Baynes of Gansburgh in the countie of Lincolne conteyning a complaint against William Hickman, esquire, and the Lady Dixey, his wife, for unjust exaction uppon the markett of Ganesburgh (as the petitioner informeth), and

for using the same to their owne private advantage, which should serve for the benefitt and releif of diverse poore persons and of the whole towne, a matter not unmeete to be considered of, especiallie at this tyme when men of wealth and habilitie should much rather healp to redresse the abuses of markettes for the releif of poore people then usurpe upon the markettes for their owne gaine. And therefore wee have thought good to referr this complaint to your Lordship and the rest (unto whome wee have directed this our letter), praying and requiring you to call the parties whome it concerneth before you, and if uppon th'examynacion thereof you finde it to be just and true, to take order for redresse of the said abuses and for such satisfaccion to be made for wronges donne as shalbe (*sic*) appeare unto you to be due. And so not doubting but your Lordship and the rest by occasion of this our letter will bestow your paynes and travaile in so good a woorke, wee bidd, &c.

25 February.

This day Georg Ognell of Bilsley in the countie of Warwick, gentleman, (having bin bound to make his apparaunce before their Lordships within six daies after the 20 of this instant February if before that daie the Lord Cheefe Justice of England, the Lord Cheefe Baron and the Masters of Requests, or one of them, should not make a finall end of the controversy between him and John Ferrers, John Wilkinson and their wives, or otherwise certified their opynions of the cause unto their Lordships *ne[i]ther of which the said Comissioners hath donne), the said Ognell hath made his apparaunce accordingly, which for his indempnitie is heere entered, being nevertheles enjoyned to give his attendance on their Lordships [and] abide such farther order as they shall take in the cause, untill by their order he shalbe dismissed.

Appearance
before the
Council.

* The corner of this leaf is much worn.

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23 February.

* I thought not to write this becaus it is blotted and I knew (*sic*) what to mak of it. But sence have ventrei (*sic*) to do it aswell as I can.

Uppon the humble suite of John Devick, her Majesty's Procurour of the Isle of Guarnezey, to have allowaunce for his expence and charges in giving his attendaunce uppon their Lordships by their comaundement concerning the cause of Nicholas Carie and others the Jurattes of that Isle by vertue of their Lordships' letters of the 29 of September last directed to Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of the said Isle, whereby he was required to take bondes of the said Nicholas Carie and the rest of the supposed offendours (of whome the said Sir Thomas Leighton gave informacion) for their apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswere the matters complayned of against them, their Lordships thought it reasonable that in regard the causes for the which the said John Devick was enjoyned to make his apparaunce did concerne the above named Nicholas Carie and the proceedinges of the Jurattes wherein they are holden to be offendours and not himself, therefore the said Jurattes should make him satisfaccion for his said charges and expences which were present and assisted at the undue proceedinges in the said cause against Carye, and have accordingly ordered that he shall require satisfaction of the charges at the handes of the saide Jurates.

* *Vacat.*

† A letter to the Earle of Ormond. It is long since we gave you advertisement of the companies that were appointed to comme out of Picardy into Ireland, and we are sorie both in respect of her Majesty's great charge and for the hinderance of their service that they have bin so unfortunatly detayned and delayed in their passage, which companies though by our former direccions wee appointed to be so ordered and distributed

* Entred before and beareth date the 26 of February.

* I think written before.

A letter to the Lord Willughbie of Parham, Sir George St. Poole and Sir William Wray, knightes. Wee do send you heereinlosed a peticion that hath bin exhibited unto us by

* Original marginal notes.

† This unfinished entry has been struck out.

one Baynes of Gainesburgh in the countie of Lincolne conteyning a complaint against William Hickman, esquire, and the Lady Dixey, his wife, for unjust exaction uppon the markett of Ganesburgh (as the petitioner informeth) and for using the same to their owne private advantage, which should serve for the benefitt and releif of diverse poore persons and of the whole towne, a matter not unmeete to be considered of, especiallie at this tyme when men of wealth and habilitie should much rather heelp to redresse the abuses of markettes for the releefe of the poore people then usurpe uppon the markettes for their owne gaine. And therefore wee have thought good to referr this complaint to your Lordship and the rest (unto whome wee have directed this our letter, praying and requiring you to call before you the parties whome it concerneth, and if uppon th'examynacion thereof you finde it to be just and true, to take order for redresse of the said abuses and for such satisfaccion to be made for wronges donne as shall appeare unto you to be due. And so not doubting but your Lordship and the rest by occasion of this our letter will bestow your paynes and travaile in so good a worke, wee bidd, &c.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsaile of the Marches of Wales. Whereas Humfrey Briggs of Haughton in the countie of Salopp, esquire, exhibited a bill in the Starr Chamber the 30 of Januarie last against one Walter Lee and others, his complices, for practizing and attempting sondry violent and outrageous courses against the said Brigges and his servauntes. Forasmuch as wee are informed that somme of the principall offendours having bin served with *sub pena* do contemptiously refuse to appeare in the Starr Chamber, and that the said Lee and John Jenkes, one of his adherentes, have procured an unknowen person (under the name of a relatour) to informe against the petitioner and his servantes before you of that Counsell of the Marches of Wales of purpose to become witnesses themselves in the cause and to deprive the said Brigges of his lawfull testimony, hopinge thereby to staie his suite in

The Star Chamber and the Court of the Welsh Marches.

the Starr Chamber. Wee do therefore require your Lordship and the rest to make staie of all proceedinges depending before you concerning this cause (either alreadie commenced or shall heereafter be offered to be renewed) untill the same be first heard and determynd in the Starr Chamber, or other direccion be given unto you from us in that behalf. And so, &c.

A *post script* added. Yf Walter Lee may be found there you shall do well to cause him to be attached and to be bound over to appeare in the Starr Chamber to aunswere such matters as are there exhibited against him, which wee pray you to see perfourmed.

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The Picardy
troops in
Ireland.

A letter to the Earle of Ormond. Amonge the companies that of late have bin sent out of Picardy into Ireland there is one whereof Mr. Edward Gorges was capten, which because he is willing to forgoe wee have thought meete to give you notice thereof, that your Lordship understanding of his resolucion to leave it may the more speedily dispose of the same. And forasmuch as his leiutenaunt, Walter Plunkett, hath served well under the said captaine Gorges in the gover[n]ment and leading of the said company, as also at other tymes heeretofore under other comaunders according to such place as he held, wee have bin mooved uppon his humble suite to commend him to your Lordship (if you shall thincke good) to undertake the charge of the said company left by Mr. Gorges and to be made captaine of the same, which wee referr unto your Lordship's judgement, not doubting but you will do therein as shalbe agreeable to his good desert and best for her Majesty's service. And so, &c.

Danish
travellers.

An open warrant directed to all her Majesty's publicke officers requiring them to suffer Albertus Scheele, John Brohé and Rodolphus Vitzdom, gentlemen strangers lately come out of Denmarke and subjectes to the Kinge of that realme, to passe and make their journey into Scotland without lett or hinderance, and to see them furnished with posthorses

for them selves, servantes and a guide from place to place at reasonable prizes, with such good usage as to men of their sorte appertaineth, wher[of] they may not faile. From, &c.

Ultimo Februarij.

Lord Keeper. Lord Admyrall.

Earl Mareshall. Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Northe.

A letter to Henrie Gawdie and William Bleverhasset, esquires. Havinge receaved an humble petition of Robert Linacre, mynister of Ditchingham in the countie of Norfolk, whereby he maketh complaint against Robert Bedingfeild for many greevances and wronges which he informeth to have bin offred him and to be contynued by the said Bedingfeild, wee cannot but take knowledge of the complaint and favour the petitioner so farr foorth as to give order for th'examynacion thereof and for somme redresse if the complaint shall appeare to be just and true. And albeit the particularities (which you shall know best by the petition enclosed) be such as do conteyne matters subject to the ordinarie course and tryall of law, yet considering the vocation and profession of the petitioner wee thincke it more meete that somme other order be taken then that the poore man should be put to follow suites of law, and bestow therein his tyme and travaile which should be employd in the exercise of his mynistrrie, and therefore wee have thought good to referr the examynacion of this complaint unto you, praying and requiring you to take the paynes to examyne the particuler greevaunces whereof Linacre complayneth (calling before you the said Robert Bedingfeild together with the complaynant), and to do your best endeavour to make an ende of the controversies betwixt them by somme good order and agreement, wherein if you cannot prevaile then to certifie us thereof, that wee may take further order for the petitioner's releefe. And so, &c.

A complaint
from a
Norfolk
parson.

Ultimo Februarij.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This daie William Walton of Bristoll, merchaunt, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant hath made his apparaunce accordinglie, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoined in their Lordships' names to give his daielie attendaunce on their Lordships at their meetings in Counsell, and not to depart without license from their Lordships first had and obtayned.

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25 February, 1597.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroler.

A controversy
as to prize
goods.

A letter to the Judges of the Courte of Delegates. Uppon the complaint and humble suite of capten George Sommers presented unto us against William Morcombe of Barnestable, merchaunt, for unjust trouble and vexacion offred and continewed many yeares unto Sommers by the said Morcombe in the prosecucion of suites of law against him for the goodes taken a good while since in certaine prizes at sea, wherin both parties had somme interest, wee called before us both the said capten Sommers and Morcombe, and having heard what each of them could saye and alleadg in his owne behalfe wee finde (in our opinions) that Sommers hath just cause to complaine, and that notwithstanding an agreement made and sett downe by consent of the parties longe agoe by the Lord Admirall, Sir Frauncis Walsingham, then her Majesty's Secretary, Dr. Cæsar, Judg of the Admiralty, and Sir John Hawkins, knight, concerning a partition of the said goodes, and notwithstanding somme other judgment passed since that tyme in due course of law in the behalf of Sommers, yet nevertheles Morcombe seeketh and prosecuteth all extreamity of law against him, not only to the great expence and trouble of the said captaine while

he maie be present to attend the suite but so much the more to his disadvantage because he being often employed abroad in her Majesty's service cannot by any meanes follow the said suites as otherwise he might do. For our partes wee see no cause either in justice or in equity why the agreement abovementioned should not stande good and binde the parties without farther tryall of law, and therefore, whereas Morcombe hath the said captaine Sommers in suite now before you in the Courte of the Delegates, wee do require you to make staye of all proceedinges in the said suites betwixt them in your Courte already commenced, nor to suffer any other to be renewed before you by Morcombe against Sommers concerning the cause aforesaid, wherunto wee praie you to have regarde. And so, &c.

2 Martij, 1597.

Lord Treasurer.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Sir John Fortescue.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publicke officers. Whereas Sir Henry Poore, knight, being appointed to undertake the charge and conduct of certaine companies of soldiers to be transported from Picardy in Fraunce (where they served of late) unto Ireland hath by contrary windes and evill weather bin so long hindered and stayed at the sea as he together with the said companies hath bin forced to putt in at Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, by which meanes they are so scanted of victualls as unlesse present supply be founde they are like to be in distresse and unable to holde on their course for Ireland. Forasmuch as upon this instant and urgent occasion there can be no other meanes used for supply of victuall but by the speedy helpe of the porte townes and other places where the said companies in their passage shalbe forced to putt in to make them provision, these shalbe therefore in her Majesty's

The Picardy
troops driven
to the Isle of
Wight.

name straightly to charge and require you and every of you unto whome it shall appertaine speedily and without any manner of delaye (uppon sight hereof) to make provision of such a proporcion and quantity of victuall (meete and serviceable for the said companies) as Sir Henry Poore either by him self or by any other fitt person appointed by him for that purpose shall demaund and require, and the same at reasonable rates and prices to deliver for the use of the said companies, taking a note under the hand of the said Sir Henry Poore of all such victuall so by you delivered and of the rates and prices thereof, uppon sight of which note to be sent up to me, the Lord Treasurer, you shall have full payement and satisfaccion for the same without delaye. Hereof faile you not, as you regarde her Majesty's service and will answere to the contrary at your perill, &c.

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Quinto die Martij, 1597.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

The Surveyor-
General of
the Dorset
trained bands.

A letter to Sir Edmonde Uvedall, knight. Whereas her Majestie hath thought yt meete to have the forces of the severall counties of the realme to be viewed and put in a readynes that her Majestie maie be truly certified in what sorte they are and howe those directions that have bene sent from tyme to tyme to the Lords Lieutenautes of the severall counties have bene duly put in execucion, for the better performynge of this present service there ys speciall choice made of certaine gentlemen of knowledge and experyence in martyall affaires to have the chardge in the severall counties to observe the forces of horsse and foote and to viewe the same howe they are furnished, what defects there are and to cause the same

to be repayred, and also to see the men trayned and disciplned accordinge to soch instructions as are sett downe by us for that purpose. For as moch therefore as her Majesty hath appointed you to have chardge as Surveyor Generall of the said forces of horsse and footemen in the county of Dorsett wee have thought good to signifie thus moch unto you, and doe require you to repayre to our very good Lord the Lord Marques of Winchester, her Majesty's Lieutenante of that countie of Dorsett, whoe will acquaint you with our letters wrytten to his Lordship at this present and appoint some convenient tymes and places for the gatheringe together of the forces of that county, that they maie be trayned, armed and dysciplned by soch captaines as are appointed under you to performe the same. And after you shall have viewed the forces of that county, the defects amended and taken accompt of the other provicions and directions that by our former letters have bene appointed accordinge to the tenor of our foresaid letter, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall repaire hether with the certifcate and true rolle of the state of the forces of the said countie, that her Majestie maie be informed by your reporte bothe of the state of the said forces there, of horsse and foote and in what readynes they are and howe soch other directions as have bene given for martyall services have ben performed.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publique officers. A fraudulent attorney.
Whereas Stephen Laks, Doctour in the Civill Lawes, hath exhibited his lamentable petition unto us, thereby complayninge that havinge put one John Deane, a scrivenour of London, in trust to put out the somme of three thousand pounds to use, [he] hath counterfaieted the handes and seals of divers credible persons to thirty or forty bonds and assurances and brought the said counterfaite obligacions unto the said Laks, makeing him beleve them to be good, and thereupon havinge thus cozined him of above three thousand pounds hideth himself in secreat and priviledged places. Theis are therefore to will and

require you and in her Majesty's name straightly to charge and comaund you and every of you to whome yt shall or maie appertaine to aprehend or cause to be aprehended the body of the said John Deane wheresoever he maie or shalbe found, aswell in places exempt as not exempt, and forthwith to bringe him before us to the Court to answeere all soche matters as shalbe objected against him in that behalf. And so, &c.

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Signed the vth of Marche, by

Lord Keper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlen.

Mr. Chauncellour of

Lord North.

th'Exchequer.

Provision for
crippled
soldiers.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the countie of Essex that they should give mayntenance and releefe by a yerly stipend to one William Warren, a maymed souldier hurt at the seige of Amyans, as was prescribed by the late statute made for the releefe of a souldier of his sort and quallyty.

The lyke letter was wrytten to the Justices and Treasurers in the county of Chester in the behalfe of Thomas Cheswis, a gentleman of a companie under capten Fortescue that was maymed at the same place and tyme, to give allowaunce accordinge to the statute, &c.

Appearance
before the
Council by
deputy.

Bonde being taken of John Lynn of Bassingborne in the county of Cambridge, esquire, to mak his apparaunce for not payinge of 40^{li.} in loane to her Majesty by a Privy Seale, his sonne, Henry Lynn, making this day his apparaunce for his said father did constantly (*sic*) affirme that by extremity of sicknes his father ys not able to appeare. Nevertheles he was enjoyned to give his attendance on theire Lordships and not to depart till leave were graunted him, which said apparaunce here entered ys an indempnyty for the bond entered into by his father.

Octavo die Martij, 1597.

Signed by the

Lord Keper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Chauncellour of
th'Exchequer.

Whereas uppon the humble suite made to us by Edward Quarles, merchaunt, that soche bookes concernynge his reckonyngs and accomptes as for thes eight monethes past or thereabouts had bene kept from him under severall locks and keyes (uppon informacion of Lawrence Smith that manie thinges might be discovered for her Majesty's service) might be restored to his use and possession for the better contynewinge of his trade as formerly he had used, it was by us thought fytt that for the space of fowerteene daies immedyatlíe followinge the date hereof the foresaid bookes of accomptes should remayne in the howse of the said Quarles where they now are, and that Alexander Kinge, one of the Auditors of her Majesty's Revenewes, and Frauncis Gofton, one of the Auditours of the Presse, shall have delyvered unto them presently all soch keyes as remayne in the hands of the said Smithe or one Turnor of the roome and chestes where those bookes remayne, whoe maie at all tymes duringe the space of xiiij^{en} daies as aforesaid repare thether and take soch notes out of the same bookes as they shall thinck fytt for her Majesty's service, as also the lyke maie be done by the said Quarles for his owne private affaires in presence of the said Audytors, or the one of them, without alteringe, corruptinge or defacynge any parte of the same bookes. And at the ende of the said 14^{en} daies the said bookes to be delyvered over to the said Quarles, the foresaid Auditors first takinge bond of him and Sir Henry Billingsley, knight, in the somme of two thowsand powndes that by the space of six monethes next after the date hereof the same bookes shall remaine safe at all tymes to be produced as cause maie require

A merchant's
account
books.* This order
was stayed
presently,
after the
same was
entred by
direction and
commaunde-
ment of her
Majesty.

W. Waad.

* Original marginal note.

without alteracion, change or corrupcion, but to remaine in the same state and plight as they now are, at which tyme also the said Quarles shall take his othe that the foresaid bookes shall not in any parte of the same be altered or changed.

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10 *Marcij*.Appearances
before the
Council.

This present daie Ralfe Beston and Robert Kaye of the countie of Yorke, esquires, beinge by letter from their Lordships directed unto them sent for to appere before their Lordships by the xth of Marche entered their apparaunces, and were enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their attendaunces, and not to departe till they had lycence from their Lordships.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Erle Marshall.

Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer.Warrant for
several
payments.

Warrant unto William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Contries. Whereas upon the arivall of a band of 100 men commaunded by capetaine Josias Bodley in the late Spanish Voyage the Maiour of Weymouth disbursed in November last aswell the somme of vij^{li}. xij^s. in sendinge messingers to London and Plymouth and for other extreordynary charges, as also the somme of xiiij^{li}. xv^s. iiij^d. in weekly imprests to the said bande over and above iij^s. iiij^d the weeke to every man, bothe which sommes amount in the whole to two and twenty poundes, seaven shillings and fower pence. And whereas the Maiour of Plymouth hathe likewise disbursed in weekly imprests in November last to the bands of capetain Brett, capetaine Heath and capetaine Conway the somme of eleaven pounds over and above iij^s. iiij^d weekly to every man, and yet the mony so disbursed by the Maiours of Weymouth and Plymouth for weekly imprests do not exceede in the whole the rate of viij^d. *per diem* to a man, theis are to will and require you out of soche her

Majesty's treasure as ys or shall come to your hands to paie or cause to be paide unto John Mockett to the use of the Maiour of Weymouth the somme of xxij^{li.} vijs. iiij^{d.}, and to paie lykewise to William Stallinge or Anthony Goddard for the use of the Maiour of Plymouth the foresaid somme of eleaven pounds. And these togeather with their acquittance shalbe your discharge in that behalf, &c.

A letter to the Lord Archebishopp and Councell of Yorke requiringe them to consider of a complaint made by Mr. Dr. Smyth, one of her Majesty's phisicians, enformynge their Lordships that certaine persons in that country had disquieted certaine tenaunts of his dwellinge in the demesnes of the Abbey of Eglestone, which he had latly purchased of one Henry Savill, whereby his tenauntes were constrained to drive their cattell from of the growndes, to the impeachment of his tytle and dysturbance of his tenants, and fyndinge upon examinacion that thes procedinges had bene done more of mallice then of any just cause, to take soch order for his and their behalfe as they should thinck convenient and agreable to equity.

The Queen's
physician and
his property.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, to paie to William Lewes and Richarde Gaye for their chardges in bringing one John FitzJames, a gentleman of the county of Somerset, as their prisoner hether to the Court out of that county the somme of six pounds.

A prisoner
brought
up from
Somerset.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer of England. Whereas yt hath pleased her Majestie upon the decease of captaine Lawrence in his retorne from the Voyage of Cales to bestowe the companie of the said captaine on Sir Samuell Bagnall, knight, and thereupon he receaved the chardge of the said companie from the seaventh day of September, 1596. For as moche as sythence yt hath also pleased her Majestie to signifie under her hand unto your Lordship her gracious pleasure that your Lordship shall give order to the Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countreyes to make payment to the said Sir Samuell of all soch sommes of money as have bene cessed upon him for his

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Sir S.
Bagenal's
pay.

absence from his chardge for anie soche tyme as he shall bringe certificate unto us of her Highnes' Privy Councell that he was absente by commaundement, beinge els where imployed, from the begynnyng of the said jorney to Cales untill the xijth of Aprill last past, wee have therefore thought good to signifie to your Lordship that the said Sir Samuell Bagnall receaved the chardge of the foresaid companie the seaventh of September, 1596, sithence which tyme he was absent from the said companie first in regard that he was sent by her Majesty's direction and by letters from us to the Isle of Wight, and after was staid here to be imployed in the late Voyage the last sommer at the seas under our very good Lord the Erle of Essex, her Majesty's Generall. Therefore wee praye your good Lordship accordinge to her Majesty's warraunt to give order to the Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries to make payment unto him, the said Sir Samuell Bagnall, of all soche sommes of money as have bene checked uppon him for him selfe and his three servaunts from the said seaventh of September, 1596, untill the xijth of Aprill, 1597, wherein thes with her Majesty's warraunt shalbe a sufficient dyschardge to your Lordship. So, &c.

Sonday. At the Courte at Whitehall, 12^o *Martij*, 1597.

Present :

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle of Essex.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Chamberlen.	th'Exchequer.

Provision for
crippled
soldiers.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the countie of Denbigh to bestowe uppon John Parrey, a maymed souldier, sometyme lieutenante to capten Belinges, a yerly stipend to mayntaine him self, as ys appointed by the late statute for a souldier of his sorte.

A letter wrytten to the like effect to the Justices and Treasurers of the county of Salop to give a yeerlie

allowaunce to John Dalton, a maymed souldier, sometyme sergeant of a company under the leading of capten Parr Lane, as was prescribed by the statute, &c.

A letter to the Erle of Ormonde, her Majesty's p. 195.
Lieutenant Generall for martiall causes in the realme of The Picardy
Irelande. Whereas there are certaine companies of foote troops in
that served in Pycardy sent from thence into Ireland, Ireland.
amongest the which there ys one companie that was
under Sir John Bartlet, knight. For as moche as the said
captaine ys willinge to yeeld his place unto his lieutenant,
Henry Onslowe, that served with them duringe the seige
of Amyans, in regard he hath bene lieutenant of the
companie wee cann do no lesse then to recommend him to
your Lordship, yf your Lordship shall thincke good to preferr
him before an other to have chardge of the said company,
that as he hath had the leadinge of them under the foresaid
captaine as lieutenant he maie now have the cheefe com-
maund of the said band of 100 men as captaine of the same.

A letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland and the Erle The Constable
of Ormonde. Whereas not longe sithence uppon humble of Carrick-
suite made unto us by Katherine Egerton, wyfe of Charles fergus.
Egerton, Constable of the Castle of Karickfergus in the
realme of Ireland, wee directed our letters to the late Lord
Deputie of that realme to permytt the said Charles Egerton
for some speciall occacions to come over hether. For as
moche as the said Lord Deputie did departe this lyfe before
our said letter could be delivered unto his Lordship, and
thereuppon (as wee are enformed) some dyfficultty ys made
by some of the Councell there for the repaire hether of
the said Charles Egerton, wee have therefore thought good
uppon further suite made unto us to require your Lordships
to permytt the said Egerton (without any further delaies)
to make his repaire hether into this realme in some con-
venient tyme to followe soch busynes of his as dothe
greatlie import his estate.

A letter to the Maiour of Southampton requiring them For an arrest
to make inquiry there for one capten Hubberd, and upon at South-
ampton.

his commynge before them to take good bonds of him with suerties to make his repaire hether and to attend uppon theire Lordships till he had order to depart, which course yf he should refuse to performe, then he should by vertue hereof see him to be forthwith sent up hether to theire Lordships under safe conduct at his owne chardges, to aunswere soche matters as should be objected against him.

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The arms and
armour left
at Plymouth.

A letter to Sir Ferdynando Gorge, knight. Whereas at the retorne and landinge of me, the Erle of Essex, from the seas this last Voyadge there was left at that porte suche armour as was brought backe that was remayninge for those souldiers that were sett forth and furnished by certaine countyes of the realme out of which the said souldiers were leavied. Emongst the rest there was a proporcion of armour and weapon that ys conteyned in the inclosed scedule appertaininge to the county of Cambridge, which was consigned and left there by capetain Garrett, who had charge of the souldiers that were leavied in that county. Forasmuche as our very good Lord the Lord Northe, beinge her Majesty's Leiutennant of that county, hathe signified the desire of the inhabitants to have their armour restored unto them, theis shalbe therefore to require you to cause the foresaid proporcion of armour and weapons to be delivered to suche persons as the said Lord North shall appoint and send thither to receive the same, wherein wee pray you to have care for the performance hereof, &c.

The Commis-
sioners for
the Musters
in Middlesex
and North-
ampton.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Musters in the county of Middlesex. Whereas by her Majesty's Comission graunted to us under the Greate Seale of England, bearinge date the xxviijth of August last past, authority was given and so remayneth unto us during the said Commission in soche sheires as had not at the tyme of the Comission or for the present have not anie Leiutennants appointed by her Majestie, to authorize, nominate and appointe certaine spetiall gentlemen togeather with the Sherifs in the severall countyes to take gennerall musters and to see the souldiers armed and trayned and all provisions of warrlike service

made and all defects supplied at soche tymes as the service of her Majestie shall require, accordinge to which Commission wee made choice of you, Sir Robert Wroth, knight, Thomas Knevet, William Waad, William Fleetwood, Thomas Fowler and John Barne, esquours, for performinge of that service within the county of Middlesex. Forasmuche as for the furtherence of theis services yt ys thought meete that Sir John Peyton and Sir Francis Darcy, knights, being gentlemen of great experyence in marshall afaires, should be joyned with you in that Commission, theis shalbe to require you, the Sherife for the tyme beinge and the rest of you, the Comissioners of Musters in the county of Middlesex, to admitt the said Sir John Peyton and Sir Thomas Darcy, knights, to joyne with you in the performance and execucion of her Majesty's service aforesaid, and wee do by our letters and by vertue of the same her Majesty's said Commission authorize you, Sir John Peyton and Sir Francis Darcy, knights, to undertake the charge of the said service with the rest of the Comissioners as occacion shalbe given hereafter, requiring you, the former Comissioners, to communicate the dyrections and instruccions that have bin given you from us heretofore in that behalf and to make knowne unto them howe you have proceeded therein, and you, Sir John Peyton and Sir Francis Darcy, upon knowledge of theis things received, not to faile of your dutyes in the service to be don by you.

The lyke letter to the Commissioners for the Musters in the county of Northampton to require them to admitt of Sir Arthure Throgmorton, knight, to joyne with them in the performance and execucion of her Majesty's marshall services in the said county of Northampton.

A letter to Sir Ferdynando Gorges, knight, to require him to deliver or cause to be deliver[ed] soche armour and furniture appertaininge to the county of Sommersett as was left at the port of Plymouth under the charge of the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges upon the retorn of the Erle of Essex from the late Voyage into Spain, unto soche

The Somerset
armour at
Plymouth.

persons as shalbe appointed to receive the same and authorised thereto by our Comissioners and Justices of the Peace in the said county of Somerset.

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Illegal market
tolls at
Shrewsbury.

A letter to the Lord President and Councell of the Marches of Wales. Complaint hath ben exhibited unto us in the behalfe of Edward Pykestocke of Blacke Abbey in the countie of Salopp that he with divers others her Majesty's subjects resorting in this tyme of dearth to the towne of Shrewsburie to furnish the marketts with corne have bene wronged by the Bailyfes of the said towne and by other theire under-officers with takinge toles of them contrary to theire charters, and in seekinge to have redresse herein he, the said petitioner, hath bene imprysoned by the Bailyffes, where at this present he dothe remaine, as more at large appereth by the inclosed petition which wee send unto you. Uppon this complaint and letters from divers of the Justices inhabytinge in those partes enformynge us of greate and straunge exactions in takinge toles for corne, bothe at the entery into the towne, in the market and at the goinge forthe there of any that ys there bought, wee cann do no lesse then to signifie unto your Lordship and the rest of the Councell there our great myslyke of this course taken by them, especially in this tyme of dearth and scarcety, and therefore wee have thought good to require your Lordship and the rest to send for the Bailyfes and other th'officers of that towne, and to examine this complaint and by what aucthoryty they made those exactions on her Majesty's subjects, and in the meane tyme to take order bothe for surcease of those toles and extraordinary exactions, yf you see cause, untill you doe advertize us thereof and other order taken therein, as also for the settinge of the partie at liberty yf there be no other matter [to] be objected against him. So, &c.

A suspected
case of
parricide.

A letter to the Justices of Assize in the county of Radnor. It seemeth by the inclosed petition exhibited unto us that there ys a hard course of proceedinge intended against the suppliants, Hughe ap James and Thomas Bull,

by William ap James uppon suspicion of poysonynge John ap James, theire father, and by that meanes to bringe the suppliants' lives in question at thes Assizes to be held in the county of Radnor. As this fact (yf yt be true) ys moste odyous and deserveth due inquisicion and exemplar punyshment, so on the contrary parte because yt concerneth the lives of men, if uppon your consyderacions of the matter you shall fynd there ys lykely hoode to be an unindyfferent proceedinge in the tryall of the cause to be held at the Assizes in the countie of Radnor by the greatnes of freinds that take parte with the said William ap James, wee then doe require you, yf you shall so see cause, to take order that the matter maye be tryed in the next English county accordinge to the statute provided in that behalfe, where the evidence may be given at the Barre and the cause heard with that indyfferency as shalbe agreable to justice, &c.

Wednesday forenoone. At the Court at Whitehall, p. 198.
15^o *Martij*, 1597.

Present:

Lord Archbishopp.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle of Essex.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncellour
Lord Chamberlain.	of th'Exchequer.

A letter to Sir Robert Cecill, knight, Principall Secretary to her Majestie and at this instant sent in Ambassage from her Majestie to the French Kinge. Your Lordship hath heretofore bene acquainted with sondry complaints that have bene exhibited to this Borde by Thomas Bramley merchaunt of London, and one Henry Farrington, his sonne in lawe, concernynge goods of theirs staid in the towne, of Marcellus (*sic*) about six yeres sithence amountinge to the vallewe of 11,000^{li}, whereof as yet by noe meanes they could gett restitution nor recompence. The poore men have sithence sustained in Barbary great losse, in pursuite of which cause Farrington ys lately departed, and the

Sir R. Cecill
still in
France.

said Thomas Bramley, beinge father in lawe to the said Farrington and cheeflie interessed in the said cause, ys purposed to send a man over to your Lordship well instructed in the same, hopinge by your Lordship's good meanes as you shall have occacion to deale with the Kinge to remember the same amongst other causes of the lyke nature, whereby he maie effect some better successe then hetherto he could obtaine. In so moche as the case of the man ys greatly to be pyttyed, beinge a discreet and good cyttizen, having sustained other great losses, and he hath bene earnestly recommended unto us by the Lord Maior and the moste of the Aldermen, wee are very hartily to praie your good Lordship that you wilbe informed by his said servaunt whome he hath sent thether of his complaint and grefe, that the same be exhibited amongst other causes of soche as are suitours in justice for restitution of losses sustayned by the Frenche, that some good and speedy course may be taken by your Lordship's medyacion for releefe of this her Majesty's subject. So prayinge your good Lordship to afford him your good help and favour, wee commytt your Lordship to the protection of God, &c.

A dishonest
factor in
Bombay

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A letter to the English merchauntes resydent in Barbary. Wee are enformed as well by letters from the Lord Maior and moste of the Aldermen of the cytty of London that besides divers great losses that Thomas Bramley and Henry Farrington, his sonne in lawe, have sustained, a servaunt of theirs named James Ryves, whome they put in trust in Barbary with their busynes, went awaie with the somme of 6,000^l. Hereuppon her Majesty, beinge moved with this unfaithfull lewde parte of their factor, did very graciously wryte her letters to the Kinge of Barbary and Kinge of Fesse to procure the staie of their said servaunt and that restitution might be made unto thes merchaunts of the goods and money in his hands. Farrington him selfe repayringe with her Majesty's letters into that countrey procured their lewd servaunt to be apprehended, and beinge overtaken with greefe and sickness died in prosecucion of

the cause. This case beinge well knowne unto you and concernynge as well the said Bramley, an honest and dyscret cyttyzen, as the poore wyfe and children of Farrington, uppon earnest suite made unto us wee could doe no lesse then recommend earnestly this matter unto you, and doe pray and require you in so pyttifull a case as this ys to give your best ayds and assystaunces to soche as shalbe sent thether or appointed by the said Bramley to followe this cause, that the badd fellowe maie be detayned in pryson till he shall have made a perfect accompt and the goodes recovered that remayneth in his hands, or els that he maie be sent over hether to answeere his lewd dealing. Wherein wee doubt not but you will doe your best indevours, consideringe the unfaithfull and lewde dealinge of this badd fellowe, and that the lyke maie conscerne you or any other that of necessity must put his servaunt in trust. So, &c.

Friday forenone. Att the Courte at Whithall, 17th March, 1597. p. 200.

Present:

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Erle Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chauncellor of
th'Exchequer.

Whereas there hath bin a controversy betwene Richard Boulton, her Majesty's Bowyer, and Mr. Worthington, Gentleman Porter of the Tower of London, about a garden plott belonginge to a mansion house pertayninge to the said Bowyer, which controversy havinge ben heard and examined by the Leiutennant of the Tower, the Leiutennant of the Ordynance and others appointed by the Lord Highe Treasurer of England, and after by the Erle of Essex, Master of the Ordynance, and lastly by the Lord North, Treasurer of her Majesty's Houshold, Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer. Upon report made by the foresaid Commissioners and by their Honours that the garden plott in controversy dothe appertaine in all right to the foresaid Bowyer and that the Gentleman Porter dothe shewe no

A controversy
as to a garden
in the Tower.

A controversy
as to a garden
in the Tower.

matter or collour of groundinge his tytle other then allegacion that part thereof was taken yn by his predecessors of late tyme, their Lordshippes havinge bin longe tyme troubled in this matter have ordered fynally that the said Bowlt, her Majesty's Bowyer, shall from henceforth injoye the foresaid garden plott without lett or disturbance of the Gentleman Porter, accordinge to the report of the said Lord North, Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer, which report ys entered with this their Lordships' Order in the Counsell Booke.

The report of the Lord North, Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer to their Lordships.

xxvjth of February, 1597.

Uppon examinacion of the cause committed unto us from your Lordships betwene Richard Bowlt, her Majesty's Bowyer, complainant, and Mr. Worthington, Gentleman Porter of her Majesty's Tower of London, defendant, wee finde that aswell in the 13^o yere of King Edward the Fourthe as in the tyme of King Henry the 7th, Kinge Henry the 8th, Kinge Edward the 6th and lastly in her Majesty's tyme the said Boult and his predecessors, Master Bowyers to the Prince, have had by spetiall graunt a certaine mantian within the Tower aforesaid, with a gardain to the same mancion adjoyninge and scituate betwene the Tower called the Rownd Tower of the Artillery on the West part and the Tower called the King's Lodginge on the East parte, and upon veiwe of the place wee finde no bounde other then a smale particion of lathes lately erected, so that in our opynions the said garden dothe wholly appertaine to the said Bowlt in right of his office. Nether do wee see anie matter or cullour of grounding the tytle of [the] Gentleman Porter other then an allegacion that parte thereof was taken by one Ralfe Chamberlain and by Sir William Gorges, Mr. Shelton, and lastly entered upon and withheld from the said Bowlt by Mr. Worthington, and no tytle to us shewed to mayntaine the entery or detayninge of the same. And, &c.

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Whereas William Beecher was by their Lordships' order restrayned to be close prisoner in the Coumpter in Wood Street untill he take order to paye unto captain Brett the somme of 240^{li.}, beinge longe sithence due unto him. Forasmuche as the said Beecher ys to give his attendance on Mr. Merrydith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Contryes, and certaine Auditours and Comissioners appointed to take the accompts betwene him and Sir Thomas Shereley, their Lordships ar pleased he shall goe abrode with a keeper to the foresaid Commissioners, Auditours and Merydith at soche tyme as he ys to give his attendance on them for these accompts, so as he be caryed dyrectly to them and backe againe after they have don with him, and do not abuse his liberty to goe about his owne bussines, &c.

Sir T.
Shirley's
agent.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the countie of Glamorgan that whereas they had not longe since allowed one Lycen Phillippes uppon former letters from their Lordships a stipend of xv^{ten} pounds by yeere to mayntaine him, beinge maymed in the thighe with a muskett shott, of which hurt at this instant he was not healed, and they had with drawne that allowaunce to 4^{li.} *per annum*, they were required hereby to give this poore souldier that yerly stipend which first of all was by the country graunted and paied unto him.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

Sonday forenone. At the Court at Whithall, the
19th of Marche, 1597.

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Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Chauncellor of

Lord Chamberlain.

th'Exchequer.

A warrant to *———, one of the Messingers of her Majesty's Chamber, for the findinge out and aprehencion

Warrant for
an arrest.

* Blank in the MS.

of one William Harper, a sea capetain, to be brought before their Lordships to answere to soche objections as the said Harper ys charged withall.

The neglect
of the
observance
of Lent.

An open warrant dyrected unto William Waad, Thomas Fowler, Edward Vaughan and Richard Candler, esquieurs, and to every of them. Whereas wee ar credibly informed that as well in exempt and priviledged places within the citty of London and liberties thereof as in divers other places in the county of Middlesex nere adjoyninge to the said citty divers and sondry persons have and do dayly kill and sell fleshe-meate, havinge no sufficient and lawfull authorety so to do, contrary to the true meaninge of her Majesty's proclamacion and orders made for the restraunte of eatinge and killinge of fleshe this tyme of Lent. Wee have thought good therefore, for reformation of theis said abuses and better observacion of the said proclamacion and orders sett downe, to appoint and authorize you by vertue hereof to repair to the fore-said priviledged places, and uppon searche made by you to informe us whoe they ar that ar so lycensed and by whome, and also to see their said lycenses taken awaye and the offendours committed to prison untill further order shalbe taken in that behalf, &c.

Recruits for
the garrison
of Ostend.

An open warrant to all publick officers, &c., to give assystaunce unto Sir John Brooke, knight, or his lieutenant for the impresting and takinge up of 30 able and masterlesse men or soche others as were willinge to serve to fill upp a companie of foote under the chardge of the said Sir John Brooke, which remayned in the towne and garryson of Ostende. And yf any of thes persons after they should have yeelded to serve and had receaved their imprest money should ronn awaie and with drawe them selves, they should cause them to be apprehended and commytted to prison and to certefie theire names unto theire Lordshippes.

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Grain in
transit seized
for Ireland.

A warrant to all Maiours, &c., and other her Majesty's publick officers. Whereas Edward Quarles, Samuell Hare and theire companie, merchaunts of London, have of late

brought out of the East Countries the quantity of 760 quarters of rye which were provided for the cyttie of Bristoll, where they were by covenante bound to deliver the same. For as moche as this graine hath bene taken of them for her Majesty's service, beinge ready in the shippes that brought the same hether to be transported speedly for the realme of Ireland, and thereby they are in hazard to incurr the breache of theire covenante and the cytty of Bristoll to be disappointed, where there ys great scarcety and want at this present, for thes consideracions wee have given lycence to the foresaid merchaunts to buye the lyke quantity of wheate or rye, soch as ys brought hether from beyond the seas, and to transporte the same to the porte of Brystoll. And therefore wee doe hereby will and require you and every of you to whome yt maie appertaine to permytt the foresaid Edward Quarles, Samuell Hare and theire companie to buye the quantity of 760 quarters of wheate or rye, soche as shalbe brought hether from beyond the seas, and to transport the same to the cytty of Brystoll without anie your letts or interrupcion, &c.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhopp, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, to paie unto John Harrys for his charges in bringinge hether from Dartmouth one Hughe Jeffery, an English maryner that had bene detayned prisoner by the Spanyard in the Groyne, the somme of thirteene pounds.

* Althoughe the foresaid Lords had subscribed thes 2 warrants yet the Lord Treasurer did not signe them till the 22th of Marche.

An other warraunt to the Treasurer of the Chamber to paie unto one John Ketchmey for his chardges in bringing up to the Court from the Erle of Bathe and Sir Ferdinand Gorges one John Burrell, an Englishman that had for many yeeres lived in Spayne, and for his chardges to carry downe with him into the country an other prisoner, the somme of eightene poundes.

A letter to the Lord Willoughbie of Ersby, Governour of the towne of Barwicke. Whereas her Majestie hath made choice of your Lordship to be the Governour of the towne and garryson of Barwicke frontinge uppon Scotland, beinge

A new Governor of Berwick.

* Original marginal note.

A new
Governor of
Berwick.

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a place of cheefe importaunce, as wee doubt not but your Lordship will answer the expectacion her Majestie hath of your care, dyscrecion and fidelitie to looke to so great a chardge in thes doubtfull tymes, so for your better dyrection in the undertakinge of that government (besides her Majesty's letters patents for your office) there are certaine instructions given unto you at this present signed by her Majestie, and althoughe wee make no doubt but that your Lordship will have a presize regard to see the same duly observed, yet wee have thought good nevertheles (by her Majesty's commaundement) to add to her Highnes' instructions our advyse to wish your Lordship dilligentlie to peruse the statutes sett down for your direction in this gover[n]ment, contanyng in nomber 47 severall articles, whereof some of them are of greater importaunce and moment then others.

Your Lordship shall do well also uppon your arryvall (and so wee require you) to cause the Surveyour of the Victuells and the rest of the officers belonginge thereunto to be called before you and the Councell there to give you a true and perfect accompt of the state, store and condicion of the provicions that shalbe there at this tyme, and also of the wants and what order ys taken to have the same thorrowlie hereafter supplied. Wherein your Lordship shall understand that (over and above that ordynary allowaunce established by covenante of Vernon, the nowe Surveyour) her Majestie hath in this dere season allowed to him great sommes of money, to the increase of prizes, as by his othe he shall make prooffe. And where there ys a place called the Pallace, which serveth for a storehouse for the victuells, that place would be duly surveyed bothe to see the quantitie of victuells and also the other kinds of provicions of furniture and utensiles belonginge to that office, that yt maie be considered in what sorte they are. Moreover where there are certaine pastures and grownds neere to the towne of Barwick allowed to the Victuellers, her Majesty's plesure ys your Lordship shall cause the same to be surveyed and inquired of howe the proffitts thereof

are imploied to the bennefytt of her Majestie and to serve for the victuellinge, and not to be converted to the profytt of any particuler men. In lyke case your Lordship ys to cause a perfect viewe and note to be taken of the munycion, artillery, shott, powder and other habillyments of warr, as well of that which dothe remaine there in store as of that which ys bestowed abroad in places for defence and service within the towne, and of all defects and wants that are necessarily to be supplied in that office. Of the estate of which thinges wee praie your Lordship, after you shalbe dylie informed, to certifie us particulerly, that her Majestie beinge therewithall made acquainted maie give soche further direction to have the wants supplied as shalbe thought requisite. So, &c.

This letter was dated the 19th of Marche, 1597, and
signed by the

Lord Archbishopp.	Lord North.
Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Essex.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Admyrall.	th'Exchequer.

Wednesday. At the Court at Whitehall, the
22th of Marche, 1597.

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Present:

Lord Archebishopp.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle of Essex.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Chauncellour of
	the Exchequer.

Whereas there ys provided to be sent into Ireland Grain for. Ireland.
certaine quantities of wheate and rye for the Queene's service there, and that there are 700 quarters of wheate laden in the good shipp called the Fortune of Lee, the master Abraham Bonner, the said master ys chardged to repaire with the said shipp and ladinge to the porte of Karlingford in Ireland, and there to give knowledge to the

Grain for
Ireland.

principall officers of the towne and porte there of the arrayvall of that corne, and to require them to give notice thereof with all possible speede to Sir Henry Bagnall, or in his absence to soche of the principall captaines as doe serve at the Newry or Carlingeford, and to see the same in safetie conveyghed to soche places for the victuellinge of the Queene's army in those partes, as thereby her Majestie maie be well served and the army releevd of their necessyties. And after that you, the master, have safely dyschardged the said corne you shall require in wrytinge of soche as shall take the chardge thereof a testimony of the quantity by you delyvered and of the goodnes thereof, so as at your returne you may be dischardged and satisfied of that which shalbe due unto you.

Fower other (*sic*) letters were wrytten of this tenor accordinge to the scedule followinge:

In the towne (*sic*) of Lee,
the master Abraham Bonner { Wheate - 700 quarters,
to be carryed to Car-
lingford.

In the Hercules of Rye,
the master John Davis - { Rye - 700 quarters, } to the Maior, to give
to be delivered at Galla- } knowledge thereof to
way. } Sir Conyers Clifford.

In the Humfrey of Lee,
the master John Flower - { Wheate - 500 quarters, } to the Lordes Jus-
to be delivered at Dublin. } tices.

In the Rose of Dover,
the master Cobham Dones { Wheate - 300 quarters, } to the Maiour and
to be delivered at Knock- } the Chief Constable
fergus. } and the Captaine of
the Pallace.

In the Dasi (*sic*) of London,
the master William Crofton { Wheate - 360 quarters, } to the Maior, to give
Rye - 060 quarters, } knowledge thereof to
to be delivered at Galla- } Sir Conyers Clifford.
wey.

Totall - - { Wheate - 1860 quarters.
Rye - 0760 quarters.

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This *postscript* was added in the letter directed to the porte of Knockfergus: Besides this proporcion there is appointed to be sent thether from Chester 100 quarters of wheate, 20 barrells of butter and as many waghes of cheese.

A letter to the Erle of Bathe. Whereas Arthur Champernon, esquire, beinge a gentleman that hath followed the warres a great many yeres and borne chardge and place of commaund and reputacion, was by our late letters required to take uppon him the care to see the souldiers of that county trayned and disciplyned, in regard he hath allready the tytle of a sergeaunt majour our meanyng was not to appoint him at this tyme a simple trayner, nor to derogate any thinge from his due deserts, but in regard of his knowledge and experyence to require his assystaunce in the tranyng and dysciplynyng of the souldiers of that countie. And therefore havinge allready the tytle of a sergeant majour wee thincke him worthie of that place and office, and so praye your Lordship to hold and accompt of him hereafter, not doubtinge but he will give his best ayde and assystaunce in all marshall services that shall concern that county. So, &c.

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The training of the Devonshire levies.

Signed the 23 March, 1597, by the

Lord Archebishopp.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlen.

Mr. Chauncellour of
th'Exchequer.

A letter to the Justices of Assize in the county of Derby. Whereas in regard Sir William Bowes, knight, was sent in Ambassage to the Scottish Kinge and imploied in the Border causes the moste parte of the last sommer and this wynter, wee did require that the proceedinge in a cause might be staid which was to have bene tryed at the last Assizes betweene him and one Edmond Slatter and John Digby for the tytle of certaine lands in question

An Ambassador's legal business.

betweene them in the right of the Lady Bowes, his wyfe, by *ejectione firme*. For as moche as there ys an agreement betwene the said Sir William Bowes, knight, and George Slatter, gentleman, in the behalfe of Edmond Slatter, brother to the said George, bearinge date the xxth of this present, wee have therefore thought good to require your Lordship and the rest yf there shalbe any proceedinge in the said cause before you at thes Assizes, that you will take order the same maie be staied and no further proceeded in.

Further provision for crippled soldiers.

A letter to the Deputie Lieutenants, Justices of Peace and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Salopp that whereas they had certyfyed their Lordships uppon former letters wrytten to them that they had no money left to give Nicholas Hook, a maymed souldier, relefe in that county, they were now againe required to yeld him a competent and yerly stipend uppon a further contribucion, which by a statute in the last Parlyament made was to be levyed on the country for releefe of maymed souldiers.

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Signed by the foresaid Lords.

Increase of dairy farming in Cheshire.

A letter to Thomas Wilbram and Henry Delves, esquieurs, and others the Justices of the Peace within the hundreth of Nantwich in the county of Chester. Wee ar sory to note the great abuse that ys practized both by gentlemen and other persons of habillity in that county, whereof you advertize us in your letter, whoe little regarde the good of the county for their private lucre, [and] do not onely convert tylladge to keepeinge of dayres (*sic*) but sell before hande the butter and cheese they shall make unto Londoners, whereby there ys bothe decaye of tyllage and that provision ingrossed wherewith her Majesty hath often occacion to take up good quantety there for the victuallinge of her forces in Ireland, for which respect, as wee have occacion to commende your good dilligence in findinge out this innormety, so wee are

to require your care and further travayle to helpe in the reformation of the same. Therefore wee require you to certefy unto us the names of the gentlemen and fermours that do ymploy their grounds that have bin heretofore tyllid to this use, and that before hande do sell their butter and cheise before yt be made to Londoners, and also those Londoners that by soche unlawfull bargaines do ingrosse the same, that wee may consider of som course to punish them in that degree their offence doth deserve extraordinary reprehencion, and in the meane season that you will call them before you at the open Sessions and proceede against them by soche wayes as the lawe dothe prescribe, that to their open shame they may receive bothe publique rebuke and punishment. And so, &c.

A letter of assystaunce to all publicke officers to be assystinge unto one Jasper Sutton, a merchaunt of Washford (*sic*) in Ireland, for recovery of a certaine shipp called the Gyft and goods therein laden, taken by Mr. John Killigrew, esquire, at Fawlmouth, accordinge to a commyssion graunted out of the Court of th'Admyralty.

Piracy at
Falmouth.

A passe for Anthonio Suero, a Portingall, to passe from hence into Fraunce without let or interruption.

A passport.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Cesar and Doctour Parkins to make a fynall ende in a cause concernynge a shipp called the Maria de Scopo and the commodyties brought therein and the adverse parties interessed in the said matter, which yf they could not determyne, then they were required to certyfie their proceedings and in whome the fault did remayne.

The
Admiralty
Court.

A warraunt to John Robinson, merchaunt of London, to sett at libertie Mauryce FitzGibbon, son and heire to the White Knight of Ireland, that was comytted prisoner to his howse, the Erle of Thomond having given his word to their Lordships for the said gentleman.

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The White
Knight's son.

A letter to the Maiour and Aldermen of the citty of Bathe. Whereas wee are informed that there hath bin allwayes tyme out of mynde a bathe belonging to a

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waters.

certaine house in your citty, sometye a religious house called the Pryorie of St. John's, for the proper and peculier use of the Master or Prior of the same, which bathe ys derived and and (*sic*) taken from a common or publicque bathe nere adjoyninge named the Hott Bathe, and that since the desolucion of the said Pryory yt hath bin ever to this tyme held and enjoyed by those that have inhabited the said house, and hath bin often used and frequented by divers noblemen, bothe Lords and Ladyes of great callinge, for their private ease and comodety, for which respect yt ys very meete yt should still be mayntained and contynued. Forasmuche as wee ar given to under-stande that now very lately since the said house and bathe ys com into the occupacion of Ruben Sherwood, Doctor of Phisick, in right of his wife, late wife to Doctor Baker, a man not yet settled there and one that hath given no occacion of offence of (*sic*) your towne, and aswell worthy of the benifitt thereof as anie that hathe gon before him, certaine leude and disordered persons of base sorte and condicion upon Shrove Tuseday last did in tumultuous sort assemble themselves togeather and shuttinge the dores of the Hott Bathe unto them did digg up the springe and heade of the said private bathe, and have either destroyed yt or at least so drawne yt awaye as that yt may not serve for soche good use and purpose as heretofore yt hathe done. Upon complaint hereof made unto us wee could do no lesse then to will and require you to take present order, as in reason you ought to do, that the said bathe be presently repaired and restored at their cost and charges of those disorderly people that have defaced the same or that were abettinge unto yt, if they or anie of them be hable to do yt, which wee wishe to be done forthwith, for that our very good Lady the Lady Marques of Northampton ys minded afore the ende of the next moneth to goe purposly thither to use the said bathe, and if those offendours shall not be of habillity to beare the charge to repair yt, then wee require you to assist and

ayde the said Dr. Sherwood that he may quietly and peaceably amend yt himself yn sorte as yt was and hath bin, and to have soche remedy and redresse at their hands that have offered him this wronge as law will give him, &c.

A letter to Sir John Popham, knight, Lord Cheif Justice of England. Upon a complainte exhibited unto us by Dr. Sherwood, Dr. of Phisick, of the ryotuous behaviour of somme of the inhabitants of the citty of Bathe that have of late digged and deverted away a springe that did feede a private bathe or water in his house, which allwayes tyme out of mynde (as wee ar informed) hath bin used as a private bathe and hathe bin now used fore (*sic*) noble men and ladyes of honor that repair hither to have the benefitt of those waters, wee hereupon have writen our letters unto the Maiour and Aldermen of Bathe to cause those persons that have defaced the same to restore and repair yt againe in soche sorte as yt was before they did spoyle yt. And because the supplyant doubteth how they will performe the same, and our very good Lady the Lady Marques of Northampton ys very shortly to repair thither to use that bathe for som occacion, wee have thought good to pray your Lordship, if the Maiour and Aldermen shalbe negligent or unwillinge to see the same speedily amended, that uppon addrese unto you of this suppliant your Lordship wille send for the cheifest of the offendours and examine this complaint and disorder, and not onely to cause them to repair and restore the same in soche sorte as in equity they ought to do, but to l[a]y soch punishment on the offendours as your Lordship shall thincke they have deserved by their disorderly and badd dealinge, &c.

Dated 23^o Martij.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Sheryfes of the cytty of London. Whereas by our letters of the xxiiijth of February last, for soche reasons as were expressed in our said letters, wee did signifie unto you uppon suite made unto her Majestie by the Alderman of the Stillyard her Majestie was pleased to have the daie prefixed unto them to departe out of

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the Howse of the Stillyard in London prolonged untill a further tyme, uppon hope her Majesty's subjects might be better used in the terrytories of the Empire, and thereuppon daie was given them for their departure untill the last of this moneth of Marche. For as moche as there ys no answer yet of those letters her Majestie sent to the Emperour and the Princes of Germany, and the daie beinge lastlie lymytted unto them ys now at hand, the Alderman of the Stillyard hath renewed his humble suite unto her Majestie for a further tyme to be afforded unto them for their departure. For as moche as by her Highnes' letters patents there ys aucthorytie given to us to enlarge and deferr the tyme by our letters unto you as wee shall see occasion, wee have thought good to signifie againe unto your Lordship and the rest her Majesty's good pleasure to graunt unto them a further day untill the last of this next moneth of Aprill, chardging them as you were before by her Majestie required uppon their perills that none of them doe in the meane season attempt to depart out of the realme or to withdrawe them selves from their ordynary resydence in that Howse without satisfaction of her Majesty's subjects for their due debts owinge by them, as hath bene by our former letters expressed, and lykewyse that they suffer not anie waste, alteracion or chainge to be made or done in the foresaid Howse untill her Majesty's further pleasure shalbe knowne, whereof wee praie your Lordship and the rest to give them knowledge, and thes shalbe accordinge to the aucthorytie given to us in her Majesty's said former letters heretofore addressed unto you your sufficient warraunt and dischardge in that behalfe. So, &c.

* Signed by the

* A blank follows these words in the MS.

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Signed by the

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Northe.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Erle of Nottingham.

Mr. Threasorer.

Lord Chamberleyne.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to Sir George Savill and Sir John Savill, knightes, Roberte Bradforde and Thomas Savile, esquires, and the rest of the Governours of her Majesty's free schoole at Wakefelde. Wheras by a peticion exhibited unto us on the behalf of the inhabitantes of the towne of Wakefelde we are geven to understande that her Majestie hathe by her letters patentes gratuslye founded a free schoole in the same towne for the good educacion and instruccion of the youthe within that parishe, which is now (as we are enformed) verye fayre builded at the proper costes and charges of Mr. George Savile, deceased, and of two of his sonnes, but is not yet endowed with anie landes according to her Majesty's licence of mortmayne, nor hathe anie maintenance assigned therunto for the raysinge of a competent stipende and enterteinment for a scholemaster. Forasmuch as by the said peticion we are enformed that there restethe a good disposicion and forwardnes bothe in your selves and also in divers others of wealthe and habilitie in those partes to extende some liberall contribucion towards so charitable and good a deede, the furtherance wherof by all good and convenient meanes we thincke all men oughte to seeke and desire, we have therefore bene the rather moved by these our letters to adde a further encouragement unto you to proceade unto the effectinge of so good an action, and for the better advauncinge therof have lykewise thought good to desire you uppon conference amonge your selves to appointe some time of meetinge bothe of your selves and of the rest appointed Governours of the said free schoole in the towne of Wakefelde before Easter Terme next, and theruppon aswell by

The free
school at
Wakefield.

your own forwardnes and good examples of liberalitie as also your effectuall perswacions unto others to drawe suche as you shall understande to be hable and willinge bothe in the said parishe and elsewhere in the countrey adjoyninge to contribute their benevolences unto the furthuraunce of so good and charitable a purpose as it shall please God to dispose their hartes, so as amonge you some convenient provicion by such a generall and voluntarie contribucion maye be established and from henceforthe continewd for the maintenaunce of a sufficient scholemaster, of whome (as we understande) you are now in lyke sorte shortlie to make an eleccion in the place of him that is latelie deceased, untill suche time as it shall please Allmightie God that the same shalbe otherwise provided for in successe of time, wherin we assure our selves that you shall doe a verie commendable and charitable deede and acceptable unto her Majestie. And so nothing doubtinge of your good wills and carefullnes therin, &c.

*A letter to Sir

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This 29th of Marche thes letters followinge were also signed by the

Erle Marshall, Lord Chamberlen,
Erle of Nottingham, Lord Northe,
Mr. Comptroller,

whoe satt in Councell the forenoone of the same day.

Warrant for
payment.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, to paie unto Sir William Bowes, knight, for his postages and other expences laied out to and froe Edenbroughe in Scotland, beinge for her Majesty's speciall service, the somme of fowerscore tenne pounds. Becaus the Lord Treasurer did signe this warrant the 7 of Aprill it beares date the same day.

Carriage of
ammunition
to Ireland.

A warraunt to all Maiours, Sheryffes and other publick officers to see the bearer hereof, John Allen, Clerk of the

* An unfinished entry.

Ordynaunce in Ireland, furnished of 35 good and able teames of horsse or oxen for carrynge of a certaine proporcion of munycion from the Tower of London to the sea syde where yt should be imbarqued, and there of shippinge and water carryage to transport the said munycion into Ireland.

A warraunt to Rowland Colson, a Messenger of the Cham-ber, to apprehend and bring before their Lordships one John Weekes, merchaunt of Plymouth, to answer soch matters as should be objected against him.

Warrant for an arrest.

Directed to the Lord Treasurer.

Signed by the

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Northe.
Erle Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlen.	Sir John Fortescue.

After our very hartie comendacions to your Lordship. Whereas of late a bergaine hath bene made by us by her Majesty's direction with certain merchaunts of London for a good quantitie of wheate and rye to be forthwith sent into Ireland for the releefe of her Majesty's people servinge in her garrysons there, the chardge whereof together with the freight amounteth to the somme of six thousand, three hundreth, fiftie six pounds, as hereunder ys expressed, wee doe therefore praie your Lordship by vertue of her Majesty's warraunt of Privie Seale remanynge with you, bearing date the xxijth daie hereof, to cause payment to be made of the severall sommes hereunder mentioned to the said merchaunts, which with the freight of the said wheate and rye arryseth to the somme aforesaid. And so wee bid your Lordship hartilie farewell. From the Court the xxxth of Marche, 1598.

Corn for Ireland.

To Alderman Hallydaie for ccc quarters	} vj ^c iiij ^{xx} x ^{li} .
of wheate at xlvj ^s . the quarter - -	
To him for the freight thereof at vj ^s .	} iiij ^{xx} x ^{li} .
the quarter - - - - -	

To John Newton, merchaunt, for v^e } mcl^{li}.
quarters of wheate at the foresaid pryce

To him for the freight at like rate - cl^{li}.

To Edward Quarles and Samuell Hare }
for mlx quarters of wheate at xlvj^s. the } mmmvij^exxx^{li}.
quarter and vij^elx quarters of rye at }
xxxiiij^s. the quarter - - - -

To him for the freight therof at } v^exlvj^{li}.
lyke rate - - - - -

Totalis - vj^mccclvj^{li}.

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Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, the 2 of Aprill, 1598.

Lord Archebishop.

Lord North.

Erle Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chauncellour

of the Exchequer.

An old
standing
Guernsey
case.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of Guernsey, and in his absence to Lewes Devick and Michaell Hewes, his Lieutenantes. Whereas by our former order of the xxijth of February last uppon the humble suite of John Devick, her Majesty's Procuror of that Isle, whoe (uppon our commaundement) came over to give evidence here against the Jurates of that Isle concernynge their undue proceedinges in the tryall of a cause there against one Nicholas Carey, for the which some of the said Jurates were called to answer here before us, it was ordered that the said Devick should have satisfaction of his chardges uppon the Jurates that were present at the foresaid undue proceedinges, wherein they have bene fownd offendours as well in respect they did not [only] commytt the said Carey as they proceeded to judgment in that cause, whereof the examynacion only pertained to them. And because the said Devick (as he saieth) cannot have execucion there of our said order, for that the Jurates

there them selves are the Judges of that Isle, wee have therefore thought good to require you to call the said Jurates before you and to take soch order that the said John Devick be paid and satisfied by the said Jurates of the somme of thirty-five poundes *sterlinge*, which uppon due consideracion of the particularyties of his chardges and expence, losse of tyme and travell, wee have thought reasonable to allowe him. Wherein prayinge you to tak order accordinglie, wee bid, &c.

A warraunt to all publick officers willinge them to see captén Charles Mansfeild, sent at this present in all speed for her Majesty's speciall affaires into the realme (*sic*), provided of poste horsse and shippinge for his passage thether. Warrant for post-horses.

A letter to the Justices and Threasorers for maymed souldiers in the county of York to contynue the payment of a yerely stipend of x^{li} to *—— Rash, a maymed souldier, which they formerly allowed unto him, &c. Provision for a crippled soldier.

A letter to Mr. Dr. Cesar, Sir Henry Billingsley, knight, and Robert Beale, esquior, Clerck of the Councell. Whereas the Deputies that are here at this present for the States of the United Provinces have earnestlie recommended unto us the humble suite of John Adryanson against Philip Corsini, merchaunt strainger, concernynge partlie the freight of a shipp appertanyng to the suppliant that was by direction of Corsini (as he informeth us) sent to Palermo, in which voyage the poore man was taken by certaine Turkes and kept prysoner in Constantinople the space of three yeres, and partlie a demaund made by the suppliant to have an accompt of 1,061^{li}. 13^s. 9^d. *sterlinge*, which he delyvered at Venice, as by the inclosed peticion he declareth, unto the factor of Corsiny. In regard thes his causes have bene so earnestly recommended unto us and they seeme to be very reasonable and also his estate deserveth commysseracion, wee have thought good by vertue hereof to require you to call before you the said Corsini and this suppliant and to take the paynes to heare those dyfferences betweene them, p. 213.
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and thereupon to take that order in the same as you shall uppon due examinacion of the cause fynd to be agreable to equitie and reason, wherein wee praie you to use that expedition you conveniently maie, that the poore man may be driven to no further unnecessary chardge in his attendaunce here. So, &c.

Wednesday afternoone. At the Courte at Whitehall,
5^o Aprilis, 1578.

Present, the

Erle Marshall. Lord Admyrall.
Lord Buckhurst.

Negotiations
with the
United
Provinces.

This daie in the afternone their Lordships mett in Councell with the Deputies for the Estates of the Lowe Countries.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Radnour to contynue the payment of a yerly stipend of x^{li}. and to paie the arrerages of three quarters of a yere past to David Jones, a maymed souldier, which they formerly had allowed him, or to certifie the reasons whie they could not performe the same.

The fees in
the Fleet.

A warraunt to the Treasurer of the Chamber to paie unto George Reynell, esquior, Warden of the Fleete, for chardges of William Shill and John Tyrret, saltpeter-men, and one James Bradshawe, that were commytted prysoners unto his chardge, the somme of eightene pownds, seventeene shillings and fower pence.

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This order was signed only by the
Lord Treasurer. Lord Admyrall.
Erle Marshall. Lord Buckhurst.

"Pieces of
eight."

Whereas uppon a peticion presented unto her Majestie by Virgilio Corberi and Francisco Betti, in the name of them selves and others, pretended subjects to the Great Duke

of Tuscan, for restitution to be made unto them of certaine moneyes and silkes taken from them at the seas by certaine Englishmen shipped in the David of London, together with soch damages and costes of suite as should be thought convenient, it pleased her Majestie to commytt the examynacion and fynall orderinge of that cause to us, the Lord Treasurer of England, the Erle Marshall of England, the Lord Admyrall of England and the Lord Buckhurst, or anie three of us. Wee mett accordinglie and made an order uppon hearinge of bothe parties and their councell learned on the xixth of February last, in which amongst other thinges wee ordered that so moche of the foresaid moneyes and silkes as were forthcomynge should be presentlie delyvered into the hands and possession of the said complaynants, and that a commyssion should be directed to Phillipp Corsini, Willyam Garrowey and Richard Stapers to enquire and examine by the pursser's bookes, billes of ladinge, charter parties and by all soch other waies and meanes as they best could howe moche of the said moneyes and silkes were yet wantinge, and what damages the Italyan merchaunts did sustaine by the said spoile, as by the said order nowe plainly maie appere. Nowe for as moch as the said Corsini, Garrowey and Stapers have certified unto us that the said complainants have made a clere prooffe before them of 30,378 peces of 8 ryalls and of 46 peces of silkes laden in their ship, whereof they have onlie receaved againe 22,929 peces of 8 ryalls and all the silkes, savinge 25 yards, so that there are wantinge 7,448 peces of 8 and 25 yards of silke to be restored, and whereas further the said complainants demaund other somes which the Comysioners leave doubtfull as not proved or not to be allowed in their judgments, amountinge to 4,873 peces of 8 ryalls, wee have allowed thereof 1,580 peces of 8 ryalls, even all the demaunds of the suppliants (three onlie excepted), viz.:—625 peces of 8 belonginge to the accompt of Nicholas Cimener, a Portingall, and 1,225 peces of 8 appertanyng to the accompt of Lorenze Lopper de Padiglia,

“ Pieces of eight.”

“ Pieces of
eight.”

lykewyse a Portingall, and 1,443 peces of 8 lent by the said complainants to the master of their shipp, esteemyng the two first good pryze and leavynge the said complainants to their ordinary remedy for recovery of the third from the said master by ordinary course of justice, so that wee fynd their whole losse of monneyes and silkes, as well clere as doubtfull, yet unrestored to amount to 9,028 peces of 8, for in the said somme of 1,580 peces of 8 wee have allowed them for the said 25 yards of silke myssing accordynge to their owne demaunde.

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And further, whereas wee find that the said complainants doe demaund great damages pretended to be due unto them in their moneyes and merchandizes in divertynge them from their porte of gaine, wee have with their consent given order that uppon the consignynge here in London of the said moneyes and silkes here recovered and restored unto them into the hands and possessions of those English merchants whose goods are staid and arrested in Florence about this cause, so moche moneys of the same kinde and so many peces of lyke silkes of equall goodnes shalbe delivered unto them or their assignes in Florence within five monethes after the said consignynge. And wee have further allowed to the said Virgilio Corberi 500 peces of 8, and to Francisco Betti 250 peces of 8, for their apparrell pretended to be taken from them and for their ordinary expences here (over and besides 989 peces of 8) which wee allowe for the chardges of officers, messengers, lighters and watchmen employed in the searchynge, fyndynge out and safe-keeping of the said moneyes and silkes. For the present satisfaction and payment of all which, beynge 10,467 peces of 8, and in English money two thowsand, fower-score and thirteene pounds, eight shillings:

Wee doe fynally order and decree as followeth. First, that Francis Cherry shall have the goods of a lawfull pryze brought into England in the said shipp the David, payynge for the same to the complainants' use two hundreth poundes.

Secondlie, that the owenors of the said shippe the David shall presentlie paie and satisfie for so moche of the complainants' money taken for the victuellinge of the said shipp two hundreth thirtie and one pounds, eight shillings. “ Pieces of eight.”

Thirdlie, that the said owenors shall forthwith paie and satisfie to the said complainants for so moch due from them to the maryners of the said shipp for their severall wages for this voyage yet unpaid three hundreth fowerscore and tenn pounds.

Fourthlie, that the said complainants shall stand dyschardged and acquitted from the said marryners, owenors and merchants of the said shipp the David for a hundreth thirtie and two pounds delyvered to John Dati and to the captaine, pilott and pursser of the Italian shipp, and to the said complainants and to their use.

Fyftlie, that George Wright and Richard Wollet, the one factor to the merchants freighters and the other to the owenours of the said shipp the David, shall paie ratable forty pounds by waie of a fyne.

Lastlie, that the rest of the said somme of two thowsand fower score and thirteene poundes, eight shillings, beinge a thowsand one hundreth pounds, shalbe paied and answered by merchautes, laders and owenours of the said shipp whoe should have received benefyt by the said complainants' moneyes and silkes yf the same had proved good pryze.

For the speedier and better performaunce whereof wee further order and fynallie decree that the goods laden in the said shipp the David and brought home to England therein, together with the said shipp the David and the whole freight thereof, shalbe cast into an averidg, that every merchaunt lader in the said shipp and the owenors thereof maie beare their proporcionable chardge in answeringe the said somme of a thowsand fowerscore and eighteene pounds and twelve shillings. And to the end that this our order and fynall decree maie be speedily and effectuellie performed accordinge to justice, her Majesty's moste gracious meanyng, the poore complainants' satisfaction and to th'ende that others maie be

feared from commyttinge them selves or partakinge with others in lyke spoiles hereafter, wee doe further order and fynally decree that yf anie of the said owenors and merchant laders shall refuse to paie soche somme or sommes of money as shalbe imposed uppon him by the averidge aforesaid the same party shalbe commytted to prison uppon her Majesty's comaundement, there to remaine till he have made satisfaction and payment of the same accordinge to her Majesty's moste gracious meanyng in this behalfe.

* *Vacat.*
This letter
was altered
to the forme
of a letter
directed to
the said
Baillyf and
jurates, en-
tered 25^o
April follow-
ing, '98.

A letter to the Baillyfe and Jurates of the Isle of Guernsey. Whereas complaint hath bene made unto us by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of that Isle, that havinge an action there before you against one John Carey, attorney of one Robert Boullain, Conteire (*sic*, ? Compteur) of the towne of St. Mallowes, for the somme of five hundreth crownes due unto the said Sir Thomas Leighton by specialltie and obligacions from Boullian (*sic*), he hath not found that due admynistracion of justice as the equitie of the cause required, but thorrowe the backwardnes of some of you and the delaies and cavills of the said John Carey (as he informeth us) he hath bene delaied and driven of notwithstandinge his longe suite in that cause. Because amongst the rest he dothe fynde some of you unwillinge to doe him justice herein, wee have thought good uppon his humble suite to recommend this matter unto you, requiringe you that forthwith uppon the receipt hereof you will call the said Carey before you and without further delaie to proceed to give judgment and sentence in that case accordinge to equity and justice. Wherein yf you shall fynd the said Carey obstynate or any of the Jurats unwillinge to admynister justice herein as they ought to doe, then wee require you, the Baillyfe, to take sufficient bonds as well of the said Carey as of soche of the said Jurates as shall refuse or delaie the due admynistracion herein, and of their severall opynions to wryte a note under their hands and the same to send over unto us with the rest of your proceedinges, &c.

* Original marginal note.

A letter to Sir Francis Godolphin, knight, Haniball Vivian p. 217.
 and Thomas St. Awbin, or in the absence of Sir Francis Popish
 to the rest. There was of late commyssyon directed out of "trumpery"
 the Admyrallty Court for the delyvery of a barcke dryven to be burned
 into Fawlmouth by tempest of wether appertanyng to in the open
 certaine merchaunts of Wexford in Ireland staied by John market-place.
 Killigrew of Arwenyck, esquire. For as moche as since
 wee are given to understand that there were certaine
 Papisticall bookes, beades and other reliques fownde in
 the said barque, whereof some were sent up hether unto
 us, beinge not fytt to be transported and brought into her
 Majesty's domynions, wee have thought good to require you
 to see all those bookes, beades and the rest of the reliques
 burnt in the open market place in the towne of Perin, and
 that you do take order that this bearer, Thomas Roswarne,
 that first gave intelligence of those bookes, maie be satisfied
 out of the said barque and goods of all soch chardges as
 he sustained in bringinge up of the said bookes, beads
 and the other reliques hether and his attendaunce here for
 that service, and withall that the wyfe of the said Killigrew
 be lykewyse answered and satisfied for the chardges in
 keepinge any the companie of that vessell since their first
 staie and arrest. And thereuppon you maie delyver the
 rest of the goods after you have examined those of the
 shipp to whome those bookes and the other trompries do
 appertaine, on whome that punyshment would be laied which
 the lawe in lyke cases dothe provid, &c.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of Expenses of
 her Majesty's Chamber, whereby he was required to paie the Council
 or cause to be paid unto Humfrey Rogers, Keper of the Chamber.
 Councell Chamber, for his attendaunce and paynes taken
 and for provicion of boughes, flowers and other necessities
 for the said Chamber, and for his chardges in the Progresse
 tyme for his stuffe and lodginge for one whole yeere ended
 at the feast of the Annunciacion of our Ladie last past,
 the somme of twenty fower pounds.

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Signed by the

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord North.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

Dated the xxvth of March, 1598, and stayed [untill this
present.

A warning to
County
Magistrates.

*A minut of letters dyrected unto the Highe Sherife and Justices of the Peace in the severall countyes of the realme of this tennor followinge. Althoughe wee doubt not but the Justices of the Assisse in their severall Cicyuts (*sic*) have had spetiall regard, as they were comaunded from her Majestie, to admonishe you and other Justices at the last Assisses to have extreordynary care for the due execucion of divers good stattutes yet in force, and espetially of those lately made this last Parlyament for the good and benifitt of the whole state of the realme concerninge the reliefe of poore people, maymed souldiers, the punishment of vagabonds and roges and mayntennance of tylladge, the care whereof ys spetially recomended to you by the said statutes. Nevertheles consideringe the remissennes that hathe bin used gennerally by the Justices of the Peace in manie partes of the realme and the great good that maie insue by the due execucion of so good and necessary lawes, her Majestie consideringe theis lycentious tymes, wherein so litle respect ys hade and due obedience to the observeinge of all lawes and ordynances, out of her princely care hathe comaunded us very earnestly and in her Highnes' name to recomend unto your better and more due regard that which belongeth to your dutyes and the lawe requiereth of you, that you will have dilligent eye and use your best indeavours and travayle bothe to see soche formor lawes as ar referred

* A new amanuensis employed on this entry.

to your care, and espetially theis made in the last Perlyament, to be duly, throughly and gennerally put in execucion and observed. To which ende yt ys thought meete that at the next Gennerall Sessions after Easter you do assemble togeather and take spetiall order amoungst your selves for one strict and uniforme course to be houlden for the due observinge and puttinge in execucion of the same lawes and stattutes, and further that you do from thence forth from tyme to tyme so often as yt shalbe found requisit and convenient assemble within your severall lymitts to take accompt of the constables and other under officers of their proceedings to be informed of those abuses that are to be reformed of those abuses that ar to be reformed (*sic*), and to see the due execucion of all theis lawes and stattutes throughly performed, which service if you shall effect accordinge to the trust reposed in you and with that care which publique officers ought to use and accordinge to her Majesty's most earnest desire, your selves and the whole contry shalbe partakers of the beniffit of the same and her Majestie receive that satisfaction which shee looketh for. But if you shall neglect the same, her Majesty cannot but accompt you to be unmeete and unworthy for the authority and places which you hould under her. And because her Majesty hath had report diversly made unto her that althoughe there are a great nomber comonly in every county of the realme by common made Justices of the Peace, whereof some sort of them do not give their attendance but at tymes when they have spetiall causes of their owne or their freinds to treat upon, her Majesty meaninge to be more certainly informed of that abuse comaundeth you that shalbe present at theis Sessions next after Easter to certify unto her Counsell who they shalbe that should be present to attend the service, so as thereby yt may be understood who shalbe absent, and they to answeare thereunto, whereby her Majesty shalbe pleased with your service and shall enter into consideracion how to reforme the negligence of the others, &c.

A warning to
County
Magistrates.

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Warrant for
arrests.

An open warrant to ~~all her Majesty's publique officers~~
one of the Messingers of her Majesty's Chamber to aprehend
and bringe before their Lordships one *—— Harper, a sea
capitaine, and Christofer Tilby to answeere to suche matters
as at their cominge shalbe objected against them, &c.

Sonday, the 9th. Att the Court at Whithall,
the 9th of Aprill, 1588.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord North.
Earl Marshall of England.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

Prisoners'
charges in
the Tower
and the
Gatehouse.

A warrant signed by their Lordships to pay unto Sir
John Peiton, knight, Leuitennant of her Majesty's Tower
of London, for the dyetts and other charges and for
wages to the officers, viz.: From the feast of the Birthe
of our Lorde, 1597, untill the feast of th'Annunciacion of
our Lady St. Mary the Virgin then next followinge (beinge
one whole quarter of a yere, as ys declared in the said
warrant signed by their Lordships), the somme of
cccxxxij^{li} iij^s. iiij^d., and to the Keeper of the Gaithouse
at Westminster at the same tyme for the dyett and other
expences for keepinge the prisoners there the somme of
threescore pounds, thirtene shillings and a penny.

A protection
order.

An open warraunt to the credytours of one Thomas
Sharpe, servante unto the late Erle of Huntingdon,
deceased, and to all others officers to whome yt might
appertaine, that they would forbear to arrest, implead or
impeach the libertie of the said Sharpe for the space of
three monethes, consideringe that there was some speciall
occacions (*sic*) wherein he was to be imployed for her
Majesty's service.

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This present daie Mr. Edmond Withypole, esquire, beinge Appearances before the Council. [sent for] by letter directed unto him from some of theire Lordships entred his apparaunce, and was nevertheles enjoyned in theire Lordships' names to give his attendaunce, and not to departe till by order from theire Lordships he had obtained lycence for his liberty.

This same daie also Mr. Anthonie Felton, beinge lykewyse sent for by theire Lordships' letter for some cause of controversy betweene him and Mr. Wythipole did record his apparaunce, and was in theire Lordships' names enjoy[n]ed to give his daily attendaunce till he had leave to depart.

These letters were signed 12° April by the

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Lord Archbishop. Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Keper. Lord North.

Lord Treasurer. Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall. Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Chancellour.

A letter to the Erle of Bathe and Sir Ferdinando Gorges Troubles in the West. and the rest. By one of your letters wee are given to understand a very lamentable accydent befallen by fire in the towne of Tiverton, and by the other you advertize us of a great dysorder that happened at Plymouth betweene the townsmen and souldiers, with danger to have growne to a greater inconvenyence yf the dyscreet care of your Lordship and others had not tymlye prevented the same. Wherein wee note great indyscrecion in both parties which you sought to temper and reduce to termes of better reason and gover[n]ment, whereof eache would be severly admonished of theire unadvysed rashnes that might have given occacion of further myscheef. In the appeazinge of which, as wee have good cause to commend your Lordship's discreet care and the order you tooke, so wee do thincke yt very necessarie they should

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the West.

understand her Majesty's myslyke of the want of dyscrecion and government in both of them. And for the chardges of the lodginge of the souldiers wee find yt to be greater then ys meete and necessarie, and therefore as yt ys reason they should be conveniently provided for, so there ys no necessitie to appoint severall lodginges for every souldier and lesse to exact so moch for their lodginges, wherein wee pray your Lordship order maie be taken that they maie be sorted and placed two in a bedd at the least and at lesse chardg, wherein the Maior and townsmen are to be given to understand that thes forces beinge placed there at her Majesty's great chardge for the defence of the towne and fort, they ought not to take an extraordinary gaine of them, but to use them with curtesy, and yf the souldiers do commytt any offence against the townsmen you, Sir Ferdynando Gorges, ought to lett them knowe that they are appointed for the defence of that place and not to give offence to the inhabitaunts, and to see those that are fownd to commytt any dysorder to be severely punyshed.

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An other letter to the Erle of Bathe and the Deputy Lieutenants of Devon. Wee were hartilie sorrie to understande the great myschaunce happned in the towne of Tyverton by the late pittifull accydent of fire, whereby so manie howses were burnt and goods and merchandizes consumed to a great vallewe and many poore people dystroyed, a case moste lamentable and of great commysseracion. And as the report thereof was greivous unto us, so wee cannot but commend your Lordship's good and speedy care in takinge order for those dystressed persons that have lost their howses, goods and meanes to sustaine themselves, their wyves and children, for whose present releefe your Lordship tooke a very charitable course, which wee doe wishe to be continewed untill other order may be taken, especially for the poorer sort and soch as have no other meanes left to keep them selves by other habillytie or their hands' labours. And because the burthen cannot but be great to the country (the number

of them beinge so many) your Lordship shall do well for their better releefe to dystribute them to the severall parishes of the shires (*sic*), and to move in our names the Bishopp of that Diocesse to give direction that there maie weeklie contriucion be gathered in the severall parishes towards the releefe of these their neighbours by this suddaine and pyttyfull accident brought to so lamentable a state. So, &c.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the countie of Northfolke. Where they had uppon a former letter from their Lordships directed to them denyed to give a yeerly stipend to one Henry Rysynige, a souldier that had lost one of his eyes in service and synce by an accydent lost th'other, because yt was alledged in that letter that he was imprested to serve where, being that countryman, he served on voluntary, they were hereby required to bestowe on him soch a yeerly stipend as was lymytted by the statut for a souldier of his sort.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Lord Bishopp of Dursmej (*sic*). Whereas there hath bin a very lewde facte lately comitted by one Barnaby Barnes, sonn to your Lordship's predicessor the late Bishop of Dursme, in attemptinge to poyson John Browne, the Recordor of Barwick, upon discovery of which facte he ys fledd and as yt ys thought ys gon into those parts. This practiz beinge so fowle and odious wee have thought fitt to pray your Lordship to cause dilligent inquiry to be made in those parts for the said Barnes by suche meanes as your Lordship shall thincke meete, that he may be aprehended and safely sent up hither under the charge of some trusty person appointed by your Lordship at the charge of the said Barnes to bringe him hither before us, that the matter maie be duly examined and suche further course taken therein as shalbe thought requisit, wherein wee pray your Lordship to have due regard for the speedier accomplishment of the same. And so, &c.

A Bishop's
son accused
of murder.

Relief for a
blind seaman.

A letter to the Threasurers and Comissioners for releife of maymed souldiers in the county of Kent to require them to allowe unto David Duffield, who hathe served as a guner's mate in a pinace of her Majesty's, where he by the liftinge up of a peece of great ordynance lost his sight, a yerely stipend according to the late stattute by which he ys to be releived, to begin from the monneth of February last past, &c.

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Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord North.

Earl Marshall of England.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Chauncellor of
th'Exchequer.

Relief for
distressed
merchants.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the citty of London and the Sherifes of the said citty and county of Middlesex. Wee wrote a letter unto you in November last in favour of two marchants of London, Anthony Key and Christofer Howard, uppon suche reasonable and creadible informacion as had bin delivered unto us, by which letter wee did require you to treat and deale with certaine of their creditours for som consionable forbearance and compossision, in regarde of the great hinderance the said Key and Haward ar said to have suffered by divers losses and hinderances to the value of five thousand pounds, and for the honest meaninge they had and as yt seemeth dothe retaine still to give their said creditours and every of them sattisfaccion to the uttermost of their power, to which our letter wee have received your answeere of the 11th of February last certiffyinge us that you have performed the order and dyreccions of our formor letters, and that upon your mocion and perswacions with the said creditours the most of them have yeilded to reasonable agreement, and that som fewe onely stand obstinately disposed to pursue the extremity of law against the said debtours. Wherein as wee thincke you have begon a good worke for the releife of the poor men and do commend you for your paines bestowed

in their behalf, so forasmuche as your selves by your owne letters have testified unto us that the said Key and Haward do deserve favor, and that the obstinacy and hard dealinge of some fewe creditours would be not onely their overthrowe but a hinderance also to their other creditours that might by a reasonable agreement finde som reasonable sattisfaccion, wee do pray and require you once againe to call before you those creditours of Key and Haward that hitherto have refused to come to agreement and composicion and to use our names and your owne credit and authority to bringe them to conformety, lettinge them understand from us that if they persist in that obstinat purpose to deale so unconsionably and extreamly with their poore debtours, wee shall upon your second certifficate take order for releivinge of the said debtours and for redrese and reformation of their hard and uncharitable dealinge. In the meane while, to th'end they may attend their bussines and collect their debts, wee do pray you to take the best order that you can that their goods maie not be attached nor them selves arrested or impeached of their libertyes for the space of six monnethes. And so, &c.

A letter to the Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England. Whereas our very good Lord the Erle of Pembroke, being her Majesty's Leiutennant in all the counties of the Principallity of Wales, hath certified us of the decease of some of the Deputy Leiutennants in the county of Carmarthen, and hath recomended unto us suche persons as he dothe thinck to be of suffitienty and quallety to supply that place, and in regard of the state of the present tyme his Lordship hath also moved us to have more gentlemen of habillity and credit to be joyned with other Deputy Leiutennants bothe in that county and in the county of Cardigan, beinge both maritime counties. Wee pray your good Lordship therefore to renewe the Commission of Leiutennancy to his Lordship for the Princypallity of Wales or for the foresaid countyes, and to add to Sir

New Welsh
Deputy
Lieutenants.

* Carmarthen :
Walter Rice,
Thomas Williams,
James Pretherough.

Cardigan :
James Lewis,
Jhon Lloyd.

* Original marginal note.

Thomas Jones, who now remaineth alone Deputy Leiutennant in the county of Carmarthen, Walter Rice, Thomas Williams of Estradfine and James Pretheroughe, esquours, and in Cardiganshire, to add unto Richard Price and Morgan Lloyd, esquours, James Lewis and John Lloyd, esquours, beinge spetially recomended unto us from his Lordship. For the doinge whereof your Lordship hathe warrant under the Great Seale of England to place soche Deputy Leiutennants in anie of the countyes where there ys a Lord Leiutennant whose names shalbe signified to your Lordship under the hands of anie six or more of us of her Majesty's Privie Counsell. Herein wee pray your good Lordship to take order accordingly, etc.

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The manor
of Blarney.

A letter to the Lords Justices of the realme of Ireland. Wee have bin often troubled with a matter in controversy betwene Cormock McDermot McCarty of Blarney and Charles Carty, and havinge received of late letters from Sir Thomas Norris, knight, Governor of the Province of Monster, and others there, testyfyng the good service and disposicion of the said Cormock McDermote, whose agent, John Halle, was latly sent hither to follow his cause and suite and hathe presented unto us a petition complaininge of certaine indyrect practises and dealinges of the said Charles by indeavoringe to defeate the said Cormock of the manner of Blarney, when other ordynary meanes of law would not serve, to drawe thereby the same within compase of concealment he passed that manner in a booke of concealment which Patricke Graunt obtained of her Majestie, derivinge the concealment from so auncient and longe tyme as the raign of Kinge Edward the Thirde, whereas the petitioner, her Majesty's pattentee, alleadgeth that his ancestours have bin seissed of that lande eight continuall desents. This course and practiz, by bringinge men's inheritance in question after so longe tyme and quiet possession, wee did thincke to be very inconvenient, and therefore wee wrote unto you our opinion of the same and what wee thought meete to be don in that cause. And for that his agent

dothe now aleadge that by the sollititacion of Charles Carty letters have bin procured from som of us in his favour we referr you to our formor letters and the orderinge of this cause to your good discrecions, to whome the same ys best knowne, prayinge you that wee maie no more be troubled with the petitioner's complaints in this matter. So, &c.

*A warrant to Mr. Miredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Contries.

Whereas their Lordships have sett downe an order in the cause betweene the Italyan merchants Virgilio Corberi and Francisco Betti, on the one parte and Edward Parvis, Thomas Offley, Francis Cherry and Henry Tymberley and other merchants of London on the one (*sic*) parte, by which yt was fullie ordered and decreed what sommes of money were to be paid to the Italians for the losses they had sustained by the spoile commytted on them by the company of the David of London, amongst other thinges yt was sett donne that an averidge should be made of all the goods and the whole freight of the said shipp the David, and that every merchant laders in the said shipp and the owenors thereof should beare their proporcionable chardge in answeringe soche sommes of money as were mentioned in their Lordshippes' last order:—

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and her prize.

For as moche as the rest of the laders were to receave no benefitt by the takinge of the goods yf they had bene good pryze, nor did pretend to have anie parte in the same (savage Sir John Spencer, knight), their Lordships doe therefore now further order for performaunce of their said former sentence that the said averidge shalbe made uppon the goods, shipp and freight of the said Sir John Spencer, knight, Thomas Offley, Francis Cherry, Edward Parvis and Henry Tymberlaie, and that if the said Parvis and Offley shall refuse to paie the money that ys to be made of the averidge, then their goods which are now under arrest shalbe sold by the Sergeant of the Admyralltie or his deputie for so moch as maie be made of the same for

* A blank space is left after this unfinished entry.

The David
and her prize.

the answeringe of their parte of the said averidge and of so moche of the freight as the said goods (their parte of the averidge first deducted) will amount unto, wherein they shall have the offer them selves to buye the same goods yf they lyst, and uppon their refusall the same shalbe sold to anie other person that will buye them. And where also their are chardges due to William Pope, Deputy Marshall of the Admyralltie, and to the Keper of the Marshallseas for the maryners that are commytted to pryson whoe commytted the spoile, their Lordships have ordered that the goods in the said shipp appertanyng to the maryners and companie shalbe sold to paie the chardges of their imprisonment by the said Pope, and this our order to be his dischardge therein.

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Lastlie, where the pryze goods are vallewed at 200^{li.}, if Frauncis Cherry shall not forthwith accept of them the same shalbe sold for the use of the Admyrallty with the privytie of the Italians towards their satisfaction. And for the rest of that somme of money to be answered by their Lordships' said former order, if the said Sir John Spencer, knight, shall not forthwith satisfie soch porcion of money as shalbe imposed uppon him for the averadge of his goods, then so moch of his goods now under arrest shalbe lykewyse sold by the said William Pope as afore-said as shall satisfie the same. And yf Frauncis Cherry and Henry Tymberlay shall lykewyse refuse to paie their part of the said averidge, then he or they so refusinge to be comytted to pryson uppon her Majesty's commaundement till he or they shall paie and satisfie the same, of all which this shalbe a suffycient dyschardge to the said William Pope. And for that yt ys feared that yf Francis Cherry and his shipp, whoe be nowe uppon departure out of the realme, be once gone, that no meanes wilbe left for the makeinge upp of the somme due from him the said Tymberley for this cause :—

It ys therefore further ordered that the said shipp shalbe staied till his order on his and the said Tymberley's

behalfe shalbe performed, that the said Italians maie have no just occacion of complaint hereafter for want of due and speedy execucion of this and their former orders in this behalfe.

This order was dated at the Court here at Whitehall, the xiiijth of Aprill, 1598, and signed onlie by the

Lord Treasurer, Earle Marshall,

Lord Admirall,

and directed from their Lordships to the Sergeaunt of the Admyralltie or to William Pope, his deputie.

Good Friday. At the Court at Whitehall, 14^o April, 1598. p. 226.

Present :

Lord Archbishop. Lord Chamberlen.

Lord Keper. Lord Northe.

Erle Marshall. Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall. Mr. Chauncellour.

A warraunt directed to Mr. Wetnall, one of the Sergeaunts at Armes unto her Majestie, for apprehending of Thomas Fitzharbert, esquire, to be brought in his companie before their Lordships to answer a matter of complaint exhibited against him. Warrant for an arrest.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Benche, High Steward of the Marshalsea, or in his Lordship's absence to John Harrys, Deputie Steward there. Whereas uppon humble suite made unto us by John Gryffen, a barge-man, and John Feild, a miller, against whome there ys an action brought in the Marshall's Court in her Majesty's name uppon a bonde concernynge the quantity of 53 quarters of wheate that was provided for her Majesty's use and overthrowne at London Bridge in passinge the Bridge, wee wrott our letters that the suite might be staid untill the matter might be further examined. For as moch as yt dothe appere by certificate from the Judge of th'Admyralltie and Mr. Quarles, whoe have examined the same, that yt A wreck at London Bridge.

happned cheeflie thorowe the default of the bardgman and the miller, and they have a whole yere and more kept both the corne and paied no parte of the money, notwithstandinge our former letters wee do thincke meete the matter shall receave tryall before you by course of lawe, whereunto wee referr the same and the parties. So, &c.

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still unpaid
in the West
Riding.

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An open letter to Sir John Savile, knight, and the rest of the Justices of the Peace in the West Rydinge in the county of Yorke. Whereas wee have wrytten sondry letters as well to our very good Lord the Lord Archbishopp of York and the rest of the Councell there and also to you, the Justices of Peace in the West Rydinge of the countie of Yorke, whereby they and you were required in reasonable sort to procure a contribucion of the wealthier sorte of those that occupie the trade of clothinge inhabytinge that divicion towards the chardge of one shipp that was sett forth about two yeres sythence by the cytty of Yorke and port of Hull for the publick service of the realme, in which action the ennemy receaved great losse and her Majestie and the realme great honor. And thoughe all other the marytime counties of the realme have contrybuted with the port townes in lyke chardge, yet you having bene so often and earnestlie required have shewed your selves to be leadd rather with a populer affection of some that affect to beare a swaie or rule amongst you, and have not onlie refused to shewe your duties in contributinge to so necessarie and honorable a service, but have eluded our earnest direction by dillatory, frivolus and framed excuses, some of you havinge proceeded so farr to call in question by what aauthorytie in those publick actions that conscerne the defence of the realme soche contribucions be demaunded.

And where you, Sir John Savile, have bene called before us to answeere some speeches you were chardged to have used to impunge (*sic*) this matter and to call in question the direction given therein by her Majesty's expresse order, did, when you were chardged with the same, deny before us to

have used any soch speches and promysed to give your furtheraunce for the collectinge of the somme required of that Ryding, wee thereuppon did forbeare at that tyme to proceed further against you as wee might have done, and gave a newe direction at that tyme to you and the rest of the Justices in the West Rydinge at that tyme for the collectinge of the somme of fower hundreth poundes. Nevertheless nothing hath bene done therein but devysed answers from some of the Justices of the meanest sorte sent unto us to excuse the matter, as thoughe yt were a matter of dyfficultie to procure in a riche country so small a somme, wherewith her Majestie beinge made acquainted was so highlie displeased as her Highnes commaunded us expresly to have a speciall care to examine thes contynewed contemptuous proceedinges, and those Justices beinge sent for to answeere the matter before us, beinge chardged with their want of duty and respect to our often direction, have laied the fault in others and have undertaken, so as the rest of the Justices in their severall divycions would performe their indevours, that the somme formerly required should be presentlie collected. Uppon this their motion and earnest suite wee have respited for this present that punyshment which deservedly might have bene layed uppon them also for their behavior, so greatlie voide of that care they ought to have shewed in performynge the contents of our letters, and have bene contented once againe at their humble intreaty to require you all, the Justices of the West Rydinge, in your severall divycions to assemble your selves and to take a present order that the somme of 400^{li.} may be spedily gathered as well of the clothiers and other chapmen as of the welthier sort of the inhabitaunts of that Rydinge and forthwith paied over unto the Lord Maiour of Yorke and the Maiour of Hull. And yf there shalbe any default or delaye in the performance hereof then wee will and commaund you, Sir John Savile, that have bene formerly chardged to have impungned (*sic*) our direction herein, not to faile to make your present repaire hether to

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the Court with those 4^{er} Justices that were sent for by our last letters to answer bothe your former and later proceedinge, so full of contempt and willfull obstynacy, and that two other Justices of every divicion of those that shalbe found cheeflie to withstand this our order doe also repaire hether to answeere this matter before us. So fare you well.

15 Aprill, 1598.

Signed by the

Earl Marshal.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Comptroller.

The claims of
a mortgagee.

A letter to Sir Edward Montague, knight, and James Pickeringe, esquour. Whereas the inclosed peticion hathe bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of Robert Blake and Elizabeth his wife whereby they do complaine of some hard course taken by Gilbert Pickeringe, esquour, in takinge advantadge of a mortgage of their lande, as they informe us, worth a thousand pounds, for the somme of five hundreth pounds. Upon this their complainte wee have bin moved to require you to call the said Mr. Pickeringe before you and to deale with him to come to some reasonable and consionable order with the suppliants, wherein if your good perswacions shall not be hable to prevaile, then wee pray you to certify unto us the offers made unto him and upon what tearmes he dothe stande. So, &c.

15 Aprill, 1598.

Signed by all the Lords except my Lord Threasurer the 24th of Marche, 1597, and staied to be signed by the Lord Threasurer untill this present.

Intelligence
from Ferrol.

A warrant unto Sir John Stanhop, knight, Threasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, to pay or cause to be paid unto Richard Rawlins *alias* Tristram for his charges and expences

laide forth for the bringinge of letters for her Majesty's service from Feroll in Spaine hither to the Court the somme of six pounds, &c.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Marshall of England.

Lord North.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Yorke and Councell there. By the inclosed copie of our letter to the Justices of the Peace in the West divicion of the county of York you shall perceave what finall order wee have taken for the colleccion of the somme of fower hundreth pounds to beare some parte of the charges the citty of Yorke and the towne of Hull have bin at in settinge forth a shipp of warr in the yeare 1595, in which cause wee have writen sondry letters heretofore bothe to your Lordship and to them, and havinge now given this last direccion at the humble suite of those Justices that were brought before us, wee have thought good to acquainte you with the same, prayinge your Lordship and the rest of the Councell to give your assistances to the fynishinge of this longe and tedious suite for theis two townes. And if there shalbe new default in the Justices (thoughe wee hope they will have better regarde to our letters then heretofore they have shewed) wee pray your Lordship and the rest to see that parte of our letters performed that dothe commaunde the repaire hether of Sir John Savile and some other of the Justices to answeere their proceedings before us. And so wee wishe your good Lordship and the rest right hartely well to fare, &c.

The West
Riding ship
money.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Devon to bestow upon John Rogers, a poore hurt soldier, soche a yerely stypend as by the stattut for hurt and maymed soldiers ys ordained to a soldier of his place and quallety.

Relief for a
crippled
soldier.

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Sonday in the forenone. Att the Court at Whithall,
the 17th of Aprill, 1598.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord North.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle Marshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord Chamberlain.	th'Exchequer.

Warrant for
an arrest.

A warrant to David Atkinson, one of the Messingers of her Majesty's Chamber, requiringe him to make his present repair to the citty of Bristoll or to anie other places where he shall have notice of the abydinge of William Colstone, the Searcher of the said citty, and to require him to com forthwith to the Court in his companie to answer some matters before their Lordships, &c.

Letters for
Ireland.

A warraunt to the Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber to paie unto Richard Benson, beinge at this instant sent for some service of her Majesty's to Sir Thomas Norreyes, knight, in Ireland, the somme of five poundes.

Relief for a
crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Treasurers and Justices of the Peace in the countie of Denbighe to yeeld unto one John Roberts, a maymed souldier, a competent and yerly stipend as by the last statute made was appointed for a souldier of his sort to releve him in this his dystressed estat.

A pension on
the Irish
establishment.

A letter to the Lordes Justices and rest of the Councell in Ireland. Whereas her Majestie of her gracious dysposicion in recompence of the good and faithfull service done by capten Henry Roberts, her Highnes was pleased he should have a yerelie pention of two shillings by the daie in Ireland, and sithence by direction from hence staie hath bene made of his said pention. For as moche as captaine Roberts served in this last voyage in her Majesty's service under me, the Erle Marshall of England, and thereby he was occasioned to be absent, these shalbe to praie and require your Lordships and the rest to take present order that the said

captaine Roberts be not onlie paied soch arrerages past as have growne due by his said absence in regard he was imploied in her Majesty's service, but also to see him paied from tyme to tyme hereafter his said pention accordinge to her Majesty's graunt.

A letter to the Lord Willoughby, Governour of the towne of Berwick and Lord Warden of the *——— Marches. Where heretofore wee directed our letters the last sommer to Mr. Robert Bowes, esquire, her Majesty's late Ambassadour in Scottlande and sithence deceased, to deale with the Scottishe Kinge in her Majesty's name that by some spedie meanes Jock of the Coate th'elder might be personally entered to the bearer, John Browne, Recorder of Berwick, accordinge to a judgment in that behalfe given by the last Commyssioners for Border causes, and that also good assuraunce might be taken and renewed under the hand of Sir Robert Carr, the opposyt Warden, for the indempnity of the said Browne and his freinds till the said Jocke made his personall entery accordinglie, as by the copie of our said letters (which for your better satisfaction wee send here inclosed) maie appeere unto your Lordship. And where the Kinge uppon the sollycitacion of the said Mr. Bowes strictlie commaunded and the said Sir Robert Carr also faithfully promysed to performe so moch as in our said letters was desired, nevertheles nothings (as yet) hath bene done, as wee are informed by the said Browne, uppon the renewing of his humble suite unto us wee have bene moved to praie your good Lordship to deale with Sir Robert Carr that he performe so moche as was required by Mr. Bowes by vertue of our letters. Wherein yf he shall make anie faile or delaie the matter, then wee lykewyse praie your Lordship in her Majesty's name to cause the Kinge to be dealt withall either by your owne letters or by George Nicholson or soche others whoe shalbe her Majesty's Agent there for the tyme beinge, untill order be taken as well for the securytie of the said Browne and his freinds as also til.

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difficulties
still unsettled.

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Jock of the Cote shalbe entered unto the said Browne as aforesaid. And so withall prayinge your Lordship to certifie us of your procedinges and successe in this busynes, to the ende (as cause shall require) her Majestie maie be made acquainted therewith and soche further course taken as shalbe convenient for the releefe of her said subject, wee bid your Lordship, &c.

The Earl
Marshal's
duties.

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A letter unto the Erle of Essex, Erle Marshall of Englande. Informacion beinge given unto some of us that uppon a fallinge out betweene Anthonie Felton and Edmonde Wythipole of the countie of Suffolk, esquire, there had a blowe with a cudgell bene given to Felton, and by that occacion some course of revendge intended by him and his freinds which might have growne to partakinge in the country and further inconvenience ensued, hereuppon they were both sent for. Because our leysures doth not so well serve us to heare those matters which properlie doe belonge to your Lordship as Erle Marshall of England, bothe of them beinge gentlemen of good sort and well alyed, wee have bene moved to praie your good Lordship that you wilbe contented to heare this controversie betweene them, and to order the same in soche sort as your Lordship shall thinck in your good discrecion to be meete and convenient, that noe further inconvenience maie thereuppon aryse.

Torture in
Bridewell.

A letter to Mr. Sarjant Fleminge, her Majesty's Solicitour, Mr. William Waad, esquior, Clarke of her Majesty's Councell, and Mr. Frances Bacon. There hathe bin apprehended of late a leude fellow called Valentin Thomas comming out of Scotlande who ys charged with matters concerninge greatly the Estate, and havinge bin examined by som of us wee finde he dothe not deale with that truithe and plainnes he ought to do in matters of that waight and moment, for which respect yt ys thought meete he shalbe delt withall with some severity, that the truithe maie be knowne in those thinges he ys charged withall. Theis shalbe therefore to require and authoriz you upon suche

matter as ys delivered to you, William Waad, to frame suche interrogatories as you shall thincke fitt to be propounded unto him, whereunto if he shall not answere dyrectly, plainly and to your satisfaccion, then her Majesty's pleasure ys you cause him to be put to the manacles in Bridwell and so delt withall that he maie declare his full knowledge, practizes and the truithe of those things he knoweth and hathe bin delt withall and ys anie waye privie unto, for which purpose you shall by vertue hereof send for him out of the Marshalsea and remove him to the prison of Bridwell. And theis shalbe your sufficient warrant for your proceedings therein, &c.

Tuesday. At the Courte at Whitehall, the 18th April, 1598.

Present :

Lord Keper.	Lord Northe.
Erle Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Chauncellour of th'Exchequer.

A warraunt to Thomas Tailour, one of the Ordynary Messengers of the Chamber, to make his repaire into the Isle of Jarsey and to bringe from thence in his companie one John du Maresque, an inhabitant of that Isle, to appere before their Lordships to answer soche matters as were to be objected against him.

An arrest
in Jersey.

A letter to Mr. George Poulet, esquire, Lieutenant of Jarsey. Whereas there ys one John Hamon, an inhabitaunt of that Isle, to make his repaire hether about an appeale concernynge a sentence that was given by the Justices of that Isle in the behalfe of the said Hamon against her Majesty's officers touchinge certaine lands and rents claimed to be due there unto her Majestie, these shalbe therefore to require you to take bonds of the said Hamon to mak his present repaire hether by a certaine daie to be lymytted by you, that he maie accordinglie answer his said appeale.

An appeal
from Jersey.

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Collections at
the Spital
sermons.

A letter unto the Lord Maior of the citty of London. Whereas there hath bin accustomed at the sermonds at the Spittle in the Easter hollidaies to have a gatheringe of the devocion of those that repair to those sermonds for the redemcion of suche prisoners as ar in captivity under the Turke or other hethens, forasmuch as there ar fewe of late yeres taken by the Turke and that at this present divers poore marryners that ar com over hither out of Spaine, whereof som have bin in the gallies, others have bin cruelly and barbourously racked and most of them have indured great misserly, wee have bin moved with compassion of their poore estates to recomend them to your Lordship, that of the colleccion that shalbe gathered at the Spittle sermons there maie somethinge be reserved to be distributed emongst them to releive their necessityes and to send them home into their contries. This beinge a deed of great charity wee shall not neede to recomende the same in more earnest sort, but bid you hartyly, &c.

Difficulties at
Plymouth.

A letter to Sir Fardinando Gorges, knight. Whereas there ar certaine articles preferred against you by the Maior and others the inhabitants of the towne of Plymouth and against your Leiutennant, and you yourself desiringe to com up hither for a few daies to answeere the same, wee thincke yt meete you repair hither and bringe up with you your Leiutennant also, and in the mean season you maie appointe your nephew or some other fitt person to have the charge of that place, &c.

The liability
for an escaped
prisoner's
debts.

A letter to the Lord Willoughby, Governor of the towne of Barwick. Upon a petition exhibited unto us in the behalf of Sir William Read, knight, wherein he complaineth that one James Parker, late victualler of a companie under the said Sir William Read, was arrest[ed] there for a debt due unto the petitioner by the said Parker amountinge to the some of cxvj^{li}. and after comitted unto the safe keepinge and charge of William Brediman, Provost Marshall to Mr. John Carey, late Governor and Marshall of that towne of Barwick, since which tyme the said

Parker by the negligence and default of the said Provost Marshall ys escaped without takeinge order for payment of the said debt or givinge the said Sir William Reade anie assurance for the same. Yt was alleadged on the contrary parte by the said Provost Marshall and others in the behalf of the said Parker that he was not lawfully arrested, whereupon wee wrote our letters unto the Maior of Barwicke and Councell there that the matter might be duly examined by them and certified unto us, by whose certifficate and examinacions taken yt dothe appeare that the said Parker was arrested and delivered in charge unto the said Provost Marshall, and that he havinge security for his beinge true prisoner suffered him to goe abroade and by that meanes escaped, but because there were fewe of the Councell there and the matter somewhat doubtfull they determine nothinge. Wee have thought good therefore to send your Lordship the complainte and examinacions taken in this cause, and to pray your Lordship to take that course in the same which shalbe agreeable to justice and the custome of that place, that wee may no more be troubled with the same. So, &c.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Surry requiringe them to give allowance unto two maymed souldiers, Edward Varnham and William Sora, beinge maimed in her Majesty's warres, of a yerely stipend accordinge to the stattu made in this last Session of Parlyament ordained for releife of hurt and maymed souldiers, &c.

Provision for
crippled
soldiers.

A warraunt directed to Adam Kinge, a Messenger of the Chamber, to bringe one Richard Hanburie, a goldsmith of London, before their Lordships.

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arrests.

A warraunt to Thomas Michaell, an other Messenger of the Chamber, to bringe one Robert Peachie and John Kendall, dwellinge at Milldenhall in the countie of Suffolk, before their Lordships.

For an
enquiry.

A letter to Sir Edward Wynter, knight, Samuell Norton, Arthur Hopton, esquires, &c., to heare and examine a complaint exhibited by a poore man named *—— Merrywether against Mr. *—— Yonge, esquire, sonne to Sir John Yonge, knight, deceased, and thereuppon to doe theire best indevours to end the same, or els to certifie theire Lordships in whome the default should remayne, &c.

A privileged
place.



A letter to her Majesty's Solicytor, Mr. Doctor Crooke, Recorder of the citty of London, and William Waad, esquior, one of the Clarkes of her Majesty's Privi (sic) Counsell. There have bin sondry complaints exhibited unto us by one Malden and others against Thomas Fitzharbert, esquior, bothe of force and vyolence offered unto Malden and of great sommes owinge by him to divers poore weemen and other her Majesty's subjects, who can have no remedy nor accion against him (as they pretende) because he keepeth himself within Coleharbert, which he pretendeth to be a privileged place, and dothe (as ys informed) threaten those that attempt to serve anie processe upon him. Upon theis greevious complaints wee have thought good to require you to examine theis his misdemeanours and to certify us the truithe of the same. So, &c.

18^o April.

Appearances
before the
Council.

This present daie Robert Brough of the Old Baily in London, virginall maker, being sent for by order from theire Lordships entered his apparaunce, and was enjoyned in theire Lordships' names to give his dailie attendaunce on theire Lordships, and not to depart till he had obtained lycence in that behalfe.

19^o April.

This present daie Richard Hanburie, cyttizen of London, beinge by warraunt from the Lordes sent for made his apparaunce, and was nevertheles enjoyned in theire Lordships' names to give his attendaunce on theire Lordships, and not to departe till he had leave graunted him.

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A warrant unto John Sharpe, one of the Messingers of her Majesty's Chamber, comaundinge him to make his present repaire unto Arundell in the county of Sussex for the aprehencion and bringinge before their Lordships
 *——— Weatman of that towne, &c.

Warrant for
an arrest.

25^o April.

This daie Robert Peachy and Jhon Kendall of Mildenhall in Suffolk being sent for by warrant entred their apparances, and were enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give their attendances, and not to depart without their Lordships' lycence.

Appearances
before the
Council.

Tuesday forenone. At the Court at Whitehall,
 25^o Aprilis, 1598.

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Present:

Lord Keper.	Lord Northe.
Erle of Essex, Erle Marshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Chamberlaine.	the Exchequer.

A letter to Sir Richard Shuttleworth, knight, and Henry Townsend, esquire, requiringe them to call one Frauncis Newporte, esquire, before them and to examine a complaint exhibited against him by William Goughe, her Majesty's Ordynary Post, concernynge a lease of a certaine messuage and other lands, &c., graunted him by Sir Richard Newport, knight, his father, into which the said Francis Newport had entered (as yt was informed) and expulsed the suppliant, and yf the allegacions of the suppliant should prove true, to perswad him to deale favorablie with him and to suffer him to enjoye the said messuage, &c., according to the graunt. Which yf he should refuse to doe, then they were required to certyfie their proceedings and the reasons that moved Mr. Newport to take that hard course with this poore man.

For quiet
possession.

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Passports for
Scots.

A pasport for Thomas Geddes, William Nesbit, David Richardson and David Michell, S[c]ottish merchantes lately arryved from Fraunce hether, to passe into the realme of Scotland.

* This pass
was also
signed by
the Lord
Treasurer.

A passe for the Lord of Kenlosh, sent in Ambassadge from the Scottish Kinge unto her Majestie, beinge now to retorne, to be provided of post horssees for him selfe, his trayne and companie from hence into the realme of Scotland.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Treasurers and Justices of Hartfordshire to see one Edmond Goldhurst, a maymed and impotent souldier, releevd with a competent and yeerly stipend accordinge to the late statute made in the last Cession of Parlyament.

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A rebuke to
the Bailiff
of Jersey.

A letter to the Baillyfe and Jurates of Jarsey. Whereas uppon the humble petition of Peter Beauvoir and the report made unto us by Sir Anthonie Powlet, knight, Governour of that Isle of Jarsey, to whome wee referred the said petition to be considered, wee did wryte our letters unto you bearinge date the 29th of Janary last, thereby requiringe you to take order that the said Beauvoire should be satisfied of a debt due unto him by one Stephen Place, (latly deceased) at the handes of certaine strangers there resydent, whoe by waie of sequestracion had retayned his moveable goodes by your order, and also by soche others as had either conveyghed or detained anie of the said goods (after that the widdowe of the said Place had first receaved her porcion claimed by her according to the custome of the Isle), willinge you further to take bonds of soche of them as should refuse to accomlishe our said order for their apparaunce before us to shewe cause to (sic) their refusall. For as moche as the said Beavoire sheweth by an other petition exhibited to us that you **havige** receaved our said letter in the begynnyng of Marche last have hetherto neglected to performe the contents

thereof, and that thereby he ys to receave a very great losse unles further order be taken herein, wee have againe referred his said peticion to be considered by her Majesty's Learned Councell, whoe conceavinge the same to be reasonable are of opynion that you are to be expresslie admonyshed to have a more dutifull regard to accomplish our former letter and direction. Wee have therefore againe thought good hereby to chardge and comaund you that presentlie uppon the receavinge hereof you see the contents of our saide former letter and this our direction dylie performed, and in case you have allreadie proceeded and taken course in this cause since the date of our said letter other then was directed, whereby the petitioner maie be hindered or delaied of his right, wee cann but greatlie disallowe of yt, and therefore wee doe nowe require you to take care that without any delaie or excuse you doe speedlie proceed to the effecting of this our direction, to the ende the petitioner maie be righted by soch further course as wee shall thincke fytt yf you shall now againe refuse uppon this direction to doe him justice as you ought to doe. Wherein not doubtinge of your better care and regard, wee bidd, &c.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Sheryfes of the cyttie of London signifyinge unto them that her Majesty's good pleasure was that there should a further daie be graunted unto the Alderman of the Stilliard, &c., for their departure out of the Howse of the Stillyard in London untill the xvth of the moneth of Maye next ensuyng, accordinge to the tenor of a former letter wrytten to that effect bearing date the 25th of the moneth of Marche precedent.

A respite for
the Steelyard
merchants.

A letter to the Bailyffe and Jurates of Guernsey. Whereas complaint hath bene made unto us by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of that Isle, that havinge an action there before you against one John Carey, attorney of one Robert Boullain, Conterie (*sic*) of the towne of St. Mallowes, for the somme of 500 crownes due unto the said Sir Thomas

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An amended
entry.

Leighton by speciallty and obligacion from Boullain, he hath not found that due admynistracion of justice as the equity of his cause required, but thorowe the backwardnes of some of you and the delaies and cavills of the said John Carey (as he enformeth us) he hath bene delaied and driven of, notwithstandinge his longe suite in that cause. Because amongst the rest he dothe fynd some of you unwillinge to doe him justice herein, you are therefore hereby earnestlie willed and required that you will spedily (and without delay) procede either to give judgment and sentence in that case accordinge to equity and justice, wherewith Sir Thomas Leighton maie rest satisfied, or els that you faile not to suffer Sir Thomas to have his appeale accordingly.

Wednesday forenoone. At the Court at Whithall, the
26 Aprill, 1598.

Present :

Lord Keper.	Lord Northe.
Erle Marshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Chamberlen.	th'Exchequer.

Thes 2 passes were also signed by the Lord Treasurer.

Clothes for
the Scottish
King.

A passe for six tronckes, fowre packes and two hampers that at this instant were to be sent from hence into Scotland for the use of the Scottish Kinge, with other tronckes and baggage pertanyng to the Lord of Kenlosse, the King's Ambassadour sent hether to her Majestie, to be by sea conveyed into Scotland, &c.

A passport
for a Scot.

An other passe to all her Majesty's publick officers to permit one John Preston, a Scottish gentleman, to passe quietly from hence into the realme of Fraunce.

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Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptrollor.

Earl Nottingham.

Mr. Chauncellor of

Lord Chamberlain.

the Exchequer.

Whereas informacion hathe bin exhibited by Robert Brough against George Reynell, esquior, Warden of the Fleet, uppon pretence of some exaccions and extorcions supposed to be committed by him to certaine prisoners in the Fleete, whereof there hathe bin complainte also exhibited bothe to their Lordships and in the Stare Chamber, yt pleased their Lordships to referr this cause to the hearinge and examinacion of the Lord Cheife Justice of the Common Pleas, her Majesty's Sollicitour Gennerall, Mr. Francis Bacon and Mr. Brian Andslow, esquiors.

Alleged
exactions
in the Fleet.

Forasmuche as yt dothe appeare by their certificate to their Lordships that the foresaid Comissioners did call before them the informer and some others that followed the informacion against the said Warden, as also one Phillip Smith, prisoner in the Fleete, who gave the informacion redy drawne to the said informer, and required of them som prooffe and to shewe wherein the said Warden had comitted extorcion or anie way broken the exemplified orders, their answer was that they did not ground their informacion upon the orders, nor that they did proceed against the Warden for anie thinge don against the said orders, but their informacion was for extorcion supposed to be comitted in takeinge of severall somes of mony weekly for shewing ease and favour to certaine prisoners for their chambers and lodgings, contrary to the statute of 23 Henry 6.

The said Comissioners beinge further desirous to be instructed from those of whome the mony ys alleadged in the informacion to be taken, in what sort the Warden had delt with them and whether he had by anie meanes indyrectly anie payment from them, the most and cheifest of

Alleged
exactions
in the Fleet.

them did testify under their hands, which also was notified by the rest, that they neither consented nor weare acquainted with the said informacion nor anie of them forced to anie payment, but beinge desirous of more ease and more chambers then the orders (which binde them to lye two in a bed) doe allow the same, for the most of them havinge two chambers or more, made a voluntary agreement for them, which was verrified by Mr. Andslow, one of the said Commissioners, to have bin ever the custome and ys also in the opinion of all the foresaid Commissioners allowed by the Wardens by the true sence and meaninge of the 10, 11 and 12 articles of the said orders, so as by the opinion of the Lord Cheife Justice and the rest to whome this cause was committed that there ys no just cause of complaint against the Warden of the Fleete either for extorcion in takeinge of theis sommes of mony mentioned in the informacion or for breache of the true meaninge of the orders exemplified in anie point.

Upon veiwe and consideracion of the said certificate their Lordships commaunded the said informer to be brought before them, to whome the reporte of the foresaid Lord Cheife Justice and the rest of the Comissioners beinge redd they (*sic*) could not deny but that they had bin heard by them, nor weare hable to alleadge anie further matter against the said Warden then they had delivered to the Comissioners, in regard whereof their Lordships consideringe the courses that had bin taken by the said Smithe and other his confederattes against the Warden in very mallitious sorte, first alleadginge that the orders sett downe for the fees of the Warden weare not shewed in the Chauncery, then that the hands of those honorable personages that subscribed the same were counterfaited, and strivinge by these troublesome courses his unjust mollestacion, their Lordships this day have comaunded the informer to surcease and no further to prosecute the said informacion, whereunto he yeilded, and this their Lordships' order was by their commaundement entered amongst other things in the Regester of Counsell, &c.

A letter to the Justices of the Peace and Treasurers of the mony collected for releife of hurt and maymed souldiers in the county of Stafforde, &c., to bestowe unto George Watkis, a poore maymed souldier maymed in the left hand and arme, such a yerely stipend as by the stattute made in this last Session of Parlyament ys ordayned to a souldier of his place and quallety, and also to make payment unto him of suche mony as ys growne due unto him by the former stattute as he ys to receive by vertue thereof, which was not paid unto him by one whole yere and half, &c.

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Provision
for a crippled
soldier.

A warrant unto Sir John Stanhop, knight, to pay unto the Keeper of the Marshallsea for the diet and charges of William Hiatt, Robert Crafford, Valentine Thomas and Thomas Madrin for xxvj^{ty} weekes the somme of twenty pounds, &c.

The fees in the
Marshalsea.

A letter to the Justice and Threasurers of the mony collected for maymed souldiers in the citty of London to bestow upon Robert Yates, a maymed souldier, souche a yerely stypend as by the tennor of the stattut ys ordayned to a souldier of his place and quallety, and to require them that he may be one of the first that maie receive payment of the monyes so collected in regard of his poverty and greeifs, &c.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Maior and Aldermen of the citty of Norwich. This bearer, John de Wild, a strainger and inhabitant of that citty, beinge againe (as he informeth) prohibited by you (contrary to the purport and meaninge of our last letters) to make and sell a kinde of gingerbread, beinge the onely trade he hathe to live upon and to mayntaine his house and famely, hathe againe besought us, as well in regard he hathe dwelt in that citty theis xxvij yeres, as also beinge an aged man and hathe no other meanes to gett his livinge, that he maie continue and exercise his said trade. Upon this his humble suite and the recomendacion now made unto us of him by the ministers and segniours of the Dutche Church in that said citty, wee have againe bin moved to will and require you to permitt and suffer him, the

The making
of ginger-
bread in
Norwich.

said John de Wilde, to continue his said trade of makeinge and sellinge of gingerbread as amply and in all places as heretofore he hathe don without anie your further letts or interupcions, behavinge himself in good sorte as heretofore he hathe don, and the rather for that (as he informeth us) you do permitt others to use that trade there who at the first did learn the same of him. Herein wee require you to take present order accordingly. And so, &c.

Jersey
orphans and
their goods.

A letter to the Governour, Bayliff and Justices of the Isle of Jerzey or to anie 3 or 2 of them. Uppon the humble suite made unto us by Peter de la Roque of the Isle of Jerzey, aswell in his owne name as in the behalf of Phillip and John de la Roque, their late father dyceased, who left certaine lands and goods to be devided betwene them and Rawlin de la Roque, their elder brother, who of late ys deceased, beinge possessor of the said goods, before anie lawfull particion was made thereof, and he supposed to be indebted to divers of the said Isle who have allready begun (as wee ar informed) to seaze upon the petitioner's goods there remayninge in the said Rawlin's hands, whereby the suppliants ar like to be defeated of that parte which ought to come unto them, wee have referred the examinacion of this cause to her Majesty's Learned Counsell. And beinge certified from some of them of the state of the cause, accordinge to their opinion, wee have thought good to require you upon the receipt hereof to cause a true inventory of all the lands, goods and debts which maie be knowne and veryfied to have bin appertaininge to their said father deceased, and not to be of the proper goods of the said Rawlin de la Rocque last deceased, to be made and delivered to the said petitioners, and to see the said goods sequestred and the said debts, either continued in the hands of the debtours or beinge paid in, to be also sequestered into some indifferent and suffitient men's hands untill soche time as a lawfull particion may be made thereof amongst the said bretherin and they sattesfied, and anie former arrest made by anie other person

uppon the said goods to be desolved. Wherein our meaning ys that you understand not onely soche goods to have appertained to the said Peter de la Roque the father as maie be known certainly in their nature, as plate, houshold stuffe, stocke of cataile or the like, but also soche debts and monies as weare owinge to the said father at the tyme of his deathe, in case they did so continue in the hands of the debtours without anie newe bond taken of the said Rawlin de la Roque. And herein wee pray you to take present order accordingly. And so, &c.

Whereas Nicholas Martin, William Beauvoir and John Efford, Jurates of the Isle of Guernsey, did exhibite to some of their Lordshippes very sclanderous and clamorous complaint against Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Captaine of the said Isle, contanyng many greivous accusacions in a generallytie, and after uppon the humble suite of the said Sir Thomas Leighton beinge by their Lordships chardged to sett downe the particulers of their greefes, they delyvered the same in wrytinge and Sir Thomas Leighton made answer to all the articles exhibited by them, whereuppon their Lordships referred the examynacion of those matters unto Mr. Doctor Cesar, one of the Masters of the Requests, and to Mr. Beale, one of the Clerks of the Councell, whoe heard at large the complaynants' informations, the answers and what each partie could alledge or replie unto the same, and have certified their Lordships under their hands :—

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First, that the foresaid Jurates could not shewe any publick aucthorytie or procuracion from the generallity of the Isle as they pretended.

Secondlie, that they had seene a letter from the Baillyfe and rest of the Jurates in the said Isle wherein they plainly dysavowe that the said 3 complainants had any commyssion from them or the generallytie of the Isle to make anie soche complaints.

Thirdlie, that this manner of complaint ys contrary to an auncient order made by their Lordships in the yere 1568,

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whereby yt was appointed that yf any dyfference or controversie should happen betweene the Governor and the Baillyffe and Jurates of the said Island, they should first for the space of six weekes assaie whether the same might be in the Island by conference amongst them selves freindlie compounded and ended without comyng hether to trouble their Lordships, and yf this course could take no effect, then to bringe the matter before her Majestie and their Lordships according to their priviledges.

And further signifie the termes which the complainants have used in their wrytinges to their Lordships to be very haynous, namly, to chardg their Governor with hard and violent usages, forcible courses contynewinge from badd to worse, contynewall vexacions, curbinge and abatinge them to the grownde, oppressing their persons and reducinge them to poverty, with soch lyke tendinge to the aneantissment and overthrowe of the priviledges of the Isle and of the inhabitantes, to the prejudice of the publicke and against their Lordships' orders.

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Besides they the said Commyssioners doe conclud and plainly signifie to their Lordships that they doe not in their customes fynd proved that anie soche breach of priviledges or injustice hath bene by the Governor commytted as might give cause of so heynous complaint against him, and therefore doe pytty the folly and indyscrecion of the complainants and especiallie the age of one of them, admonyshinge them to be better advysed hereafter, and for reparacion of this fault to make their humble and dutifull submyssion bothe unto their Lordships and the said Governour here, and lykewyse in some open assemblie of the said Island, for that the matter had bene moche made knowne and published there.

The foresaid Jurates havinge bene commytted to the pryson of the Marshallsea for those untrue suggested sclanders, because uppon the report of the foresaid Commyssioners yt did appere unto their Lordships that thes parties pretended to doe the same in the name of the inhabitaunts of the

Isle, by whome they were dysavowed by an authentically instrument sent from the cheifest of the inhabitaunts under the seale of the Isle, whereby they do not onlie clere the Governor of all those false imputacions but doe acknowledge his good, dyscreete and myld government and them selves to be greatlie beholdinge and bounde unto him.

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Theire Lordships consideringe the clamorous and malicious proceedinge of thes men, tendinge to the defamacion of their Governor, whose dyscreete and worthie behaviour ys well knowne to their Lordships and acknowledged by all the inhabitaunts, and that they were not able to prove anie of the articles exhibited against him, they have ordered (besides their imprysonment) that the foresaid Nicholas Martin, William Beauvoire and John Efford shall severally and in submyssive sorte confesse and acknowledge their false and malycious accusacions of their Governour under their hands here before their Lordships and subscribe the same, and after shall make the lyke publick acknowledgment of their offence and sclanders in the Isle in some open assemblie within xx^{ie} daies after their repaire thether at the appointment of the Governour or his deputie.

And yt ys further ordered by their Lordships that all three of them shalbe removed from the place they hold of Jurates in that Isle, and never hereafter be admytted to that place without the lykinge of the Governour.

Ordered at the Courte at Whitehall, the
26th of Aprill, 1598, by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chauncellor of
th'Exchequer.

And thoughe the Lord Treasurer by sicknes was absent from the Court at this present, yet his Lordship gave his consent to this Order as the rest of their Lordships that were here present.

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Thursday afternoone. At the Lord Treasurer's house in
the Strand, 27^o *Aprilis*, 1598.

Present :

Lord Keper.	Lord Chamberlen.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Northe.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Chauncellour of th'Exchequer.

For an arrest
in Worcester-
shire.

A letter to Sir Henry Bromley, knight. Whereas I, the Erle of Essex, directed my letters unto you by her Majesty's expresse direction for the apprehencion of Thomas Abbing-ton of Henlipp in the county of Worcester, esquire, at two severall tymes, and you tooke that paines to serche his howse and to enquire after him which was looked for at your hands in a matter commytted to your care, but he very disobediently hath absented him selfe, shyftinge from place to place more lyke a fugitive then a dutifull subject, therefore as wee have cause to give you thanckes for the paynes you tooke, so wee cannot overpasse his contemptuous behavior, and therefore wee have directed our letters to the Highe Sheryfe of the countie of Worcester to take order for his apprehencion by anie meanes yf he come into that country, and to see him sent saffie up hether to answer as well those matters wherewith he doth stand chardged [as] for his contemptuous behaviour. And in lyke manner wee require you againe, in regard you have bene already used in this service and dwell nere to the howse where he ordynarily ys wont to reside, that you will have a watche over him yf he come into those partes to see him apprehended and sent up hether, &c.

A letter to the Highe Sheryffe of the countie of Worcester requiring him thereby to give publick notice in the countrie and to use all meanes he might for the apprehending and sending up of the said Thomas Abbington as a cryminall person, to answer soch matters wherewith he was to be chardged.

A letter to the Commyssioners for poore prysoners that lye for debtt that whereas one William Grandorg, a poore gentleman prysoner in her Majesty's Benche whose land was extended by one Robert Smithe of Venteringham in the county of Huntingdon, gentleman, and was imprysoned by the said Smith, they were hereby required, considering (as yt was informed) that very hard measure had bene offred to the said Grandorge, to call him before them and yf the informations of the suppliant's proved true, to deale with him to come to soch an agreement as they should thinck to be agreable to equity and good conscience, which yf Smith shuld refuse to performe, they were then required to certyfie their proceedings to their Lordships and what they thought in their opynions fytt to be done for the releefe of the poore man.

Relief for a
debtor in the
Queen's
Bench.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed souldiers in the county of Surrey to allowe unto Ralfe Norreyes, that had lost one of his leggs in service, a competent and yerely stipend to releefe him accordinge to the statute, &c.

Relief for a
crippled
soldier.

This present daie Thomas Whottman of Fynden in the countie of Sussex, gentleman, being sent for by warrant entered his apparaunce, and was nevertheles enjoyned to give his attendaunce on their Lordships, and not to departe till their Lordships had given him lycenc.

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A letter to Mr. Attorney Gennerall, her Majesty's Sollicitor, and Mr. Francis Bacon, esquire. Whereas wee ar informed by a docter of phizik and a surgion that William Page haveinge bin longe prisoner in the Gatehouse at Westminster, beinge a man of great yeres, ys in perill to loose one of his leggs by some humor that ys fallen into yt unlesse he maie have some inlardgment to attende the care of the same and chainge of ayre, consideringe the great yeres of the man and his infirmity wee have bin moved, if there be no further matter to be objected against him then his Recusancye, to require you to cause bonde to be taken for his forthcomminge upon 4^{er} daies' warninge, and so to inlardge him for the present that he maie seeke care and helpe for recovery of his infirmity.

An ailing
Recusant.

Forgery of
the Council's
warrants.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Gennerall, Mr. Sollicitour and Francis Bacon, esquire. Whereas there hath bin lately a very lewde fellow apprehended called John Melloes that hathe counterfaited the hande of our very good Lord the Lord Threasorer and caused also his seale of armes to be made, which he hathe also sett to divers letters, to the defraudinge of divers and sondry persons, and hath also counterfaited the hands of some of us of her Majesty's Privie Counsell, and fayninge himself to be a Messinger of the Chamber hathe exacted and taken divers somes of mony of her Majesty's subjects by counterfaite warrants, causinge them to make jornies up hither to the Court. This shalbe to require you (this abuse beinge so comon and lewde) to cause informacion to be given against him this next Tearme in the Stare Chamber upon suche notes and proves of his lewd dealings as wee send you herewithall, &c.

A privileged
place.

A letter to her Majesty's Attorney Gennerall, her Majesty's Sollicitor and Francis Bacon, esquior. Wee have bin troubled with complaint of sondry disorders comitted in a place within the citty called Cowlharbert, pretended to be a privileged place, where divers persons do shroude them selves to be freed from the due course of law. By reason of the inconveniences that do arrise by this opinnion of the privilege of the place, wee have thought good to require you to be informed what charter there ys and authority to warrant the liberty of that place, and to certify us your opinion therein, &c.

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Sonday. At the Court at Whitehall, 30th of Aprill, 1598.

Present:

Lord Archebishopp.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Erle Marshall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Chauncellour of

Lord Chamberlaine.

the Exchequer.

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fortification
of Falmouth
Harbour.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, captaine of the fort at Fawlmouth and one of the Deputie Lieutenantes of the countie of Cornwall. Wee perceave by

your last letters that the one 1,000^{li}. allowed by her Majesty's warraunt for the fort which was thought meete to be erected at the Castle of Pendence will not continewe to paie the laborers above 14 daies, althoughe the engenor before us did undertake with that somme the perfectinge and fynishinge all the intended fortifycacion accordinge to the plott that was sett downe, and so was he enjoyned to doe by formynge of the worck according to that chardge. And where now he dothe laie the fault partlie uppon the excedinge hardnes of the worck, beinge a maine rocke, and also by want of helpe in worck or contribucion which he saieth was promised by Sir Walter Raleigh, Lieutenante of that countie, to the somme of 1,000 markes, he cannot thereby excuse his great oversight and want of judgment, for the nature of the grownde was knowne before unto him and Sir Walter Raleigh did not so absolutlie promyse the somme by him pretended, but when yt was propounded that 2,000^{li} should have bene bestowed uppon the fort, he did offer to procure so manie laborers out of the countrie at the chardge of the parishes as (accomptinge the wages that should be given them) might amount to 500 or 1,000 markes, but since that tyme he was never sollycited in the matter nor once put in remembraunce, as he saieth, neither did you ever require yt, whereby there was no doubt conceaved but that the worcke should have bene perfected with the 1,000^{li}., nevertheles uppon the said last letter of yours and our motion Sir Walter Raleigh hath now wrytten to the country to procure that help and assystaunce unto you of laborers out of the severall parishes adjoynyng which he promysed. In the meane season wee must let you understand that her Majestie ys greivously offended in that she hath bene drawne to dysbourse that somme of 1,000^{li}. uppon assuraunce that her Highnes should be at no further chardge, and yet the worcke ys not performed as yt was undertaken, neither ys yt certainly knowne to what greater somme yt will amount before yt be fynished, and in all this while untill the money was almost spent yee (*sic*) did not foresee by the labor bestowed

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and the worcke that was done how you were lyke to growe short of your reckonyng. And now when her Majestie did looke that the forte should have bene fullie fynished, contrary to her Majesty's expectacion you fall into a newe reckonyng, and the course you tooke to fynish some parte of the worcke and not at all to begynn some other parte was not done with dyscrecion, for yt had bene farr better to have wrought yt all alyke in every place and of lyke depth, and so to have perfected the same wholly alltogether. Therefore wee are to require you to send a trewe plott unto us of the worckes, howe far forth you have proceded, howe moch ys done and howe moche ys undone, and of what depth, bredth and length the dytch trenches are, with the highe of the walles, &c., and largnes of the courtaynes, bullwarks and rampiers, that her Majestie maie see howe the money ys bestowed and in what state the works are. Besides her Majesty's chardg yt ys certified hether and complained of that you detaine 1,700 trees appertanyng to John Killigrew, whereof there are dailie divers cutt downe and burnt and employed in the worckes, and that you meane to take into the fort 50 acres of grownd more then was intended, and also that you doe compell the villages thereabouts to bringe carryages with theire teames of horsse and oxen, for the which they are not paied any thinge. Whereof expectinge to be particulerlie enformed from you and for answeringe to us of this latter parte so complayned wee wish that John Killigrew's officers or kinsfolkes may be privie to your answer. So, &c.

Treachery
at Ostend.

A letter to Sir Edward Norreyes, knight, Governor of the towne and garryson of Ostend. Whereas one John Storme, a Dutch man, had bene latly apprehended, beinge sent thether by the ennemy to execut some myschevous act on him and the towne, her Highnes' pleasure beinge he should be forthwith sent over hether, he was required hereby to tak order that the said Storme might be presently sent hether under the conduct of soche sufficient persons as he should thinck fytt to have chardg of him.

A letter to Sir Ferdynando Gorges, knight, whereby he was required to cause a certaine proporcion of armor that was left at Plymouth at the retorne of the souldiers in the last voyage of the Erle of Essex to be delyvered to the bearer, as appointed by the Commyssioners of the musters of the county of Middlesex to receave the same, as armors and weapons appertanyng to the souldiers sett out by the inhabitants of that county.

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Voyage.

A letter to the Justices of Peace in the countie of Middlesex, &c. Wee are informed by the humble complaint of the inhabitants of Shorditch, St. Giles without Creplegate, Clarkenwell and of other the out places in the suburbs nere unto the cyttie of London, that there are divers persons that are owenors of small tenements, the moste of them erected within thes fewe yeres, that doe lett the same out by the weeke and some for lesse tyme unto base people and to lewd persons that doe kepe evell rule, and harbour theefes, rogues and vagabounds, by reason whereof there ys not onlie great myscheefes and lewd dysorders commytted, but also all wyckednes ys maintained, and by often removinge of those persons from one place to an other there cann no certaine knowledge be taken of them what they are or howe they doe live and mayntaine them selves, an abuse moste intollerable and in no wyse to be permytted in any Christian government. The remedie whereof cannot be sufficientlie provided in havinge an eye to these persons that doe take those howses, beinge so great a number, and they cannot be justlie corrected untill they be taken with some offence, but in severe punyshinge those landlords that lett out those small tenements (parcells of howses and chambers) unto unknowne and base people and frōm weeke to weeke, not regardinge what the persones are that take the same, but to rayse a vile and unconscionable lucre.

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houses.

In regard of the great and notable inconveniences that growe by this meanes, as wee have cause justlie to find fault with all of you, the Justices of the Peace that suffer thes

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unmeete courses to be taken, so wee doe hereby earnestlie and straightly chardge you in your severall divicions to take the viewe of those cottages and base tenements and those people that inhabit the same thorowe all the suburbs in that countie, and to make a true note of the names of them that dwell in the same, out of what countrie or parte of the realme they doe come, how longe they have dwelt there and what trade they doe use, and for what tyme they doe hire those lodgings and what rent they doe paie and in what sort, and to certifie the same unto us. And to call all thes persons before you that doe rent and lett out the foresaid cottages, tenements and chambers in soch sort, and to warne them by a short daie to avoid out of those lodgings soch as by you and the constables and overseers of the parishes chosen by the last statut shall not be thought meete persons (in regard they have no trade nor occupacion) to dwell amongst them, and to take good bonds of them to her Majesty's use to let hereafter no howses by the week, the moneth or for soche lyke short tyme, nor to take into the same anie inmates or let out (as manie doe) their chambers alone or some fewe roomes of their howses to poore people that keepe whole families in the same, nor when the howses shalbe emptie to admytt hereafter any unknowne persons to be their tenants that shall not bringe a true certificate whence they come and of their good behavior, to be allowed by two of the next Justices of the Peace at the least and some of the cheefest of the parysh where they seeke to be placed, and in no case to let out any tenement, roomes or lodgings by the weeke or for lesser tyme then a yeere. Hereof requiringe you to have that speciall regard as you your selves will answeere the default commytted, wee bid, &c.

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Postscript. Wee have wrytten to the Lords Cheefe Justices and the Lord Cheefe Baron in the lyke case, whome wee require you also to acquaint with this our letter, that you maie use their advyses herein.

30 d'Avril, 1598.

Ou les Deputes des Estats Generaux des Provinces Unies A letter of
explanation
to the States.
semblent avoir occasion de se plaindre de ce que aucuns des
leur merchands ont este empeches et prohibes au nom de Sa
Majeste de transporter viures de sorte quelcunque en Espagne
ou en Portugall. Nous ne faisons point de doubte que telles
defences et inhibitions ne se trouveront non seulement legitimes
par toutes bonnes lois et coustumes de guerre, mais tres
necessaires d'estre continuees pour donner empechement au
Roy d'Espagne, l'ennemy commun, lequel tant nous que les
Estats estants confederes ensemble en estroicte amitie contre
ledict Roy, comme ennemy commun a toutes deux, sommes tenus
par toutes moyens de nuire et offencer, et sur tout d'empecher
qu'il ne soit fourni de viures, munitions de guerre et aultres
semblables provisions, par lesquels il puisse avoir moyen
d'augmenter ses forces par mer. Et a ceste fin Sa Majeste
aussy a intime et publiquement notifie sa deliberation d'arrester
et empecher le transport de toutes sortes de viures allant en
Espagne ou en Portugall hors des Pais d'Oest, ayant aussi
faict saisir plusieurs navires faisant voile vers l'Espagne. Et
encores que nous n'avons point de doubte que Messieurs les
Deputes ne soient du tout satisfaits avec ces raisons,
toutesfois pour donner plus ample satisfaction avec Estats de la
part desquels ils ont este envoyes, ils ont demand  d'avoir
responce en escript, ce que [nous] faisons par ceste declaration.
Au surplus nous les prions de n'oublier plusieurs aultres raisons
lesquels en conference avec eulx ont este deduicts et declares de
bouche sur ce propos.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of
 her Majesty's Chamber, to paie or cause to be paied unto
 capitaine Charles Mansfeild, in commynge post from the Erle
 of Ormond out of Ireland hether to the Court with letters
 concernynge her Majesty's speciall servis and for retornynge
 from hence thether with lyke expedicion with letters to the
 said Erle for her Highnes' service, the somme of *———.

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This present day John Weeks of the towne of Plymouth, marchan[t], beinge sent for by warrant from the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privie Counsell hathe made his apparance accordingly, which ys here entered for his indemnity, and nevertheles injoynd by their Lordships' comaundement to give his attendance upon them at such tymes as their Lordships do meete in Counsell, and not to departe untill by order from their Lordships he be dismissed, &c.

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A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Whereas at the retorne of me, the Erle of Essex, from the seas this last voyadge there was left at that porte suche armor as was brought backe that was remayninge for those souldiers that were sett forthe and furnished by certaine countyes of the realme out of which the said soldiers were leavied, emongst the rest there was a proporcion of armor and weapon that ys contayned in the inclosed scedule appertaininge to the county of Sussex, which was consigned and left there by capetain Cawfeild, who had charge of the souldiers that were leavied in that county. Forasmuche as our very good Lord the Lord Buckhurst, beinge her Majesty's Lieutenant of that county, hathe signified the desire of the inhabitants to have their armor restored unto them, theis shalbe therefore to require you to cause the foresaid proporcion of armor and weapons to be delivered to suche persons as the said Lord Buckhurst shall appoint and send thether to receive the same, wherein wee pray you to have care for the performance hereof, &c.

The lyke letter to Sir Ferdynando Gorges to deliver unto suche persons as shalbe authorised by the Comissioners of the Musters in the county of Middlesex soche a proporcion of armour and weapons as was left at Plimouth in charge with the said Sir Ferdynando Gorges at the retorne of the Erle of Essex from the seas, &c.

Signed, 3^o May, 1598,

by the

Lord Keper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord North.
Earl Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to Mr. Gilpin, etc., Councellour for her Majestie with the Estates of the United Provinces, &c. Whereas you receaved order and direction from her Majestie to deale in her Highnes' name with the Estates of the United Provinces concernynge those thinges the Merchaunts Adventurers were to move unto them, and deale with them for the settlinge of their residencie in some towne or townes under the jurysdiccion of the United Provinces, havinge bene invited and sollycited by them to establishe their trade there. For as moche as wee dealt with the Deputies that were latelie sent hether to her Majestie in that matter, whoe seemed to have no commyssion to treat for those causes, and (as yet) there ys no answer or satisfaction made either to her Majestie or the merchaunts touchinge soch impositions and lycences as might be demaunded and laied upon them, by reason whereof the said merchaunts cannot resolve to settle their trade there as yt ys meant they shall doe yf they be well and favorablie used, wee have thought good to require you to sollycit earnestlie the full answer and resolucion of the Estates herein accordinge to soche articles as were delivered lastlie here to their Deputies to be imparted unto them, whereof a copie ys sent you, that her Majestie maie be advertized thereof and the merchaunts satisfied howe they shalbe dealt withall, wherein wee doubt not but they will have that regard to satisfie her Majestie which (in all reason) her Highnes doth expect they should use to see the said merchaunts freed of all impositions of convoyes, lycences and other exactions, that they maie settle there their residency, which will turne many waies

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to their greates benefitts. This matter wee leave to be handled by your care and dyscrecion, and to certifie us with speed howe you shall find them dysposed. So, &c.

The
regulations
for prisoners
in the Fleet.

Whereas uppon complainte made unto us by George Reynell, esquour, Warden of the Fleete, that he was unjustly molested and troubled by an informer named Robert Brough, who (beinge instructed by one Phillip Smithe, prisoner there, and some other his adherents) exhibited an informacion into her Majesty's Court of the Exchequer upon pretence of extorcion used to the prisoners. This matter beinge committed to the hereinge and examinacion of Sir Edmund Anderson, Lord Cheife Justice of the Comon Pleas, Thomas Fleminge, esquour, her Majesty's Solicitor, Francis Bacon, esquour, one of her Majesty's Learned Counsell at the law, and unto Brian Anesley, esquour, one of her Majesty's Gentlemen Pencioners and some tyme Warden of the Fleete, they did call before them bothe parties to examine if the said George Reynell had unduly extorted from anie person or in anie thinge broken the orders of that prisone exemplified under the Great Seale, by whose certifficate to their Lordships, because yt dothe appeare that they gave a full heareinge at three severall tymes of all that could be objected against the said Mr. Reynells (*sic*), and that they could not finde that he had unlawfully extorted nor anie waye broken the exemplified orders sett downe for that House, their Lordships injoyned the said informer Robert Broughe not to prosecute the said informacion nor to trouble the said Mr. Reynell for that cause, whereunto he did submitt himself (as by their Lordships' order ys to be seene). And whereas the said Comissioners do further certify for the better explayninge of the exemplified orders, viz., to the fourthe article of the orders which bindeth every prisoner to victuall himself upon the Warden's provision unlesse he agree with the Warden to make his owne provision, the said Commissioners do thincke meete for better explaynacion thereof (beinge accordinge to the true meaninge of the same) that the prisoners shall

still be reckoned and cast upp as in commons untill they have agreeede with the Warden for yt. And likewise by the 10th, 11th and 12th articles every prisoner ought to have his bed of the Warden's provision to lye two in a bed togeather, and to pay as he shall be either of the p. 249 parlor or hall commons or to agree with the Warden if he be of neither commons. And also because by the xjth article yt ys expresed that if anie prisoner, thoughe he be of the box, will have more ease then ys appointed to him, he must agree with the Warden for yt, it ys to be understoode by the orders that if anie prisoner whatsoever desireth more ease for bed or chamber then the orders allow, that then they aswell as the poore prisoners of the box shall agree with the Warden for the same. Their Lordships consideringe their opinion grounded upon the true meaninge and sence of the orders exemplied and the testimony of Mr. Anesley, who was many yeres Warden there, that the custome hathe ever bin so, do thincke yt meete for better explanacion of the same and takeinge away all ambyguyties and cavils that the foresaid articles ought so to be understoode and shall from hence forthe be so taken and constr[u]ed, &c.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the rest of the Counsell in the realme of Ireland. Whereas we wrot our letters about June was fower yeres sithence to the then Lord Deputy and Counsell of that realme signifyinge our opinion in what sorte we thought the lands in question betwene Donnell O'Swillivan and Sir Owin O'Swillivan, knight, his uncle, might be divided most conveniently with indifferency and equity to ende the longe and tedious suites betwene them, wherein because in that parte of our letter, as the said suppliant, Donell Oswillivan, then informed us, where wee did saie, "Wee do thincke yt agreeable with right and reasone that the said Castle and soche porcions of lands as hathe bin usuallie held by soche as had the Castle should be allotted to Donnell, and that the other parte

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of the contrye called Bantry should be allotted to Sir Owin, and that in the devision of the contrie the same as equally devided as the Commissioners shall thincke convenient," because there ys no mencion expresly made of the haven, thoughe before in our letters wee expresse that wee do finde that ·Donnell O'Swillivan, the plaintife, ys decended lyneally in five decents from Dermode Ballaghe O'Swillivan Beare, and the haven and a porcion of the contry rounde about yt before anie of the collaterall lyne usurped upon their nephewes in the lynuall (*sic*) lyne, the Commissioners to whome this cause was referred, althoughe they have awarded the Castle to this suppliant accordinge to the descents proved by him in which the same were helde by his auncestours, yet they would allott out of the haven a cheefe rent yerely to Sir Owin and his heires, or parte of the haven. Wherewith the suppliant did and dothe finde himself greeived, alleadginge that bothe besides that there was a great porcion allowed him (as he ought to have) and by our letters was ment that the haven allwaies ought to goe with the Castle, and the yeeldinge of anie soche rent should prejudice his estate and tytle yssuinge forthe as a cheife rent, thereby acknowledginge a kinde of interest in the other, for which respects he hathe besought us to explaine our meaninge in that behalf.

Upon this his humble suite we have thought good to pray your Lordships and the rest, &c., to consider duly how the possession of the haven hathe bin held with the Castle, and what the porcions allotted to the late knight, Sir Owin, and his heires maie be in regard of that wee then did appointe and that they ought to rest sattisfied withall, and thereupon if you shall finde that Donnell ought to injoye the haven as well as the Castle, and that the payment of soch rent ys strayned contrary to equity, and [to] the prejudice of the just title of Donnell O'Swillivan, wee pray you then to take suche order therein as shalbe most agreeable to equity and justice. So, &c.

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This present daie Thomas Marshall beinge by warraunt from some of her Majesty's Privy Councell sent for to appere before their Lordships entered his apparaunce, and was notwithstandinge enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give his attendaunce on their Lordships uppon their syttinges in Councell, and not to depart till he had lycence from their Lordships.

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Council.

Sonday forenoone. At the Court at Greenewich, the 7 of
May, 1598.

Present:

Lord Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle Marshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord North.	th'Exchequer.

A warraunt for post horsse, &c., for Thomas Edmonds, esquire, beinge sent at this instant from her Majestie for some speciall affaires concernynge her Highnes to the Frenche Kinge.

A mission
to France.

A letter to the Lords Cheefe Justices and the Lord Cheefe Baron. Complaint hath bene made unto us by divers inhabitaunts bothe in the burroughe of Southwark and other the suburbs about London that certaine persons of wealth, thoroughe a covetuous dysposicion of certaine persons, have of late yeres not onlie converted faire and large dwellinge howses into tenements, with raysinge of great rent of the same, but where manie of them beinge of good habillytie did inhabit those howses and did paie all duties besides and other chardges with the rest of the paryshioners, now in their roomes are placed many poore people that have releefe from the parish, where the land lords reapeth great rents for small cottages and are subject to no chardg with the parish. And therefore humble suite ys made unto us by the inhabitaunts of soch parishes

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where those base allyes, tenements or new buildinges are and great nomber of poore people are harbored, that the landlords whoe receave gaine by them, and by their meanes in erectinge those tenements the parishes are very pittifully surchardged with thes base and poore people, might at the least by some good meanes be compelled, many of them also having offended against her Majesty's proclamacion and orders in the Starr Chamber inhibytinge the erectinge of those tenements, to contribute in some larger sort to the maintenance of those poore people by their covetuous humour brought thether, and of whome they do rayse an excessive gaine to the greavaunce and burthen of all the rest of the parishe where they are. This beinge a matter of good consideracion and that deserveth redresse, wee have bene moved to praie you earnestlie to thincke uppon some good meanes howe the inhabitaunts where those allyes and tenements latlie erected are pressed with poore people maie be eased of this great chardge, and the same borne by them that are the cause of yt, offenders against her Majesty's lawes and proclamacion, and (in deede) the principall cause of the fillinge of the cyttie and suburbs with multitudes of poore people and of sondry inconveniencies that thereby dothe arryse, and they reape an unconscionable gaine, to the great burthenyng and chardge of moste of the parishes about London. And thoughe those poore folkes are sett at great rents, yet they make shyftes to paie the same, knowinge yf they cann but hold out for three yeares, then the parishe where they remaine are tyed to finde and releve them ever after. Wee have given direction to soch of the Justices of Midlesex as your Lordships shall call unto you to give their attendaunce on you when you shall send for them, both for this cause and some other abuse wee understand ys also put in practize by divers of thes landlords in lettinge out of tenements and roomes to poore and base people by the weeke and for lyke small tyme. So referringe this matter to your consideracions, wee bidd, &c.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the rest of the Councell ^{The Munster Undertakers.} in the realm of Ireland. Whereas wee ar informed aswell from Sir Thomas Norris, knight, Presedent of Munster, as by a petition exhibited unto us in the behalf of Justice Gould, Assistant unto him in that Province, that where a Signiory of fower thousande acres called Tarbert was allotted by particuller for Densill Hollis, porcion of the lands to be lett to the Undertakers, and he before the passinge of his pattent deceasinge, his sonn and heire, Sir John Hollis, knight, assigned over all his interest in that Signiory to the said Justice Gould, the Undertakers also made another particuller to the said Gould in his owne name, the Commissioners allowed the choice and his booke past all serymonies (*sic*) to the Seale. But there yt was stayed, by reason the said Justice was borne in that realme of Ireland and not in England, thoughe dycended from English parrents, and, as wee are informed, allwayes of civell subjeccion. And before the staye was made wee are also p. 252. informed that he built upon yt and bestowed good cost in inclosiers and other betterings of the grounde thereof and hathe paid his rent duly from tyme to tyme at the daies of payment, thoughe the lande laye waste, and nevertheles som other persons there (as we [are] informed) do pretende to be suitours to gett the same Signiory past at a farr lower rate upon them then the rent he payeth. In regard of the good commendacions wee have received of the gentleman and his faithfull indeavour and furtherance of her Majesty's services there, beinge earnestly recommended unto us from the said Sir Thomas Norris, wee have bin moved to will and require you to cause a staye to be made of the said Segniory and to take care the same may not in anie sorte be passed to anie other untill you shall receive further dyreccions therein, that her Majesty may be moved in the behalf of the said Justice and her Highnes' further pleasure signified therein unto you. So, &c.

A warrant unto Sir John Stanhop, knight, Threasorer of ^{Warrant for payment.} her Majesty's Chamber, to pay unto Guilford Slingsby,

gentleman, beinge sent in post from the Court to Plymouthe two severall tymes for her Majesty's services, the somme of thirtene pounds.

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before the
Council.

This daie Aron Holland of the Strand, inholder, beinge by warraunt sent for entred his apparaunce, and was enjoyned in their Lordships' names daily to give his attendaunce on their Lordships, and not to depart till the matter he was sent for was heard and had lycence to depart.

An exchange
of prisoners.

A letter to Mr. Carmerthen and Mr. Thomas Middleton. Whereas John Sosar, a poore man, did challendge a promyse of Mr. Alderman Radcliffe that he would bestowe upon him 100 angells yf he could procure the meanes to finde out some Spanyard to releve a sonne of his that was detained prysoner in Byskaie, and the matter beinge (as he alledged) by his labour and industrie effected and his sonne returned home, it seemed the said Alderman did denie that ever he promysed him any soche somme. Therefore they were required to call the said Alderman before them and to heare and examine this complaint, and yf th'allegacions of the suppliant's should fall out to be true, then that they would deale with them (*sic*) in their Lordships' names to give him satisfaction, or els yf he should refuse, to certifie their proceedings and what in their opynions they thought meete to be done.

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The sale of a
foreign cargo
of grain.

A letter to Mr. Carey of Anthony and Mr. Edward Seymour. Whereas a shipp of Emden called the Fortune laden with corne and bounde for Rochell was by contrary wynds this last wynter driven by wether into the haven of Dartmouth, and wee beinge advertized thereof and of the great dearth and scarcety the country had at that tyme of all manner of graine, direccion was given the same should be sold with the consent of the master either there or in Plymouth or Exetor, to his best advantage. Nevertheles wee are latelie given to understand by letters addressed

unto us from the magistrates of the cyttie of Emden and by the complaint of the master of the shipp that the then Maior of Dartmouth sold the whole ladinge of that corne unto certaine ritch men of the countrie by great quantities at a farr lower rate then corne of lyke good[n]es did then beare pryce, and kept a good parte thereof himselfe, whereby the poorer sorte had no releefe, and the buyers ingrossinge the same made of that corne an unlawfull gaine, and the proprietaries complaine they thereby are dampnified to the somme of 400^{li.}. For as moche as this abuse ys greatlie complained of in the letters wee have receaved from the ma[g]istrates of Emden, beinge a lewde and a fraudulent part (yf the informacion be true) contrary to her Majesty's gracious meanyng, whoe was pleased (as other Princes doe in lyke cases) that this corne should be sold for the releefe of the poorer sorte, and yet to the best advantage of the proprietaries, her Majesty's pleasure ys all satisfaction should be made to thes complainants which in all honor and equitie ought to be given them, and therefore wee have made choice of you to examine very strictlie this matter, requiring you to call before you the Maior of Dartmouth and to chardge him with this corrupt dealinge of his.

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of grain.

And where also wee doe understand that there are bonds taken by the Maior of those persons that bought the corne to give soch further pryc[e] as we should order yf the matter were againe brought in question, you shall call them lykewyse before you and examine as well what pryce they gave as the pryce corne did yeeld at that tyme, and fynding the abuse to be soche as ys informed, you shall cause them without delaie to paie the over-plus that the said grayne might then be worth to soch as have aucthorytie to followe the cause. Wherein yf anie of them shall not conforme them selves to that order you shall thincke meete in reason, you shall take good bondes of them to her Majesty's use to make their apperaunce before us. Wee praie you also to certifie us what you finde veriefied

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of this complaint against the Maiour and the buyers of the corne, and what quantity the Maior kept for him self, that wee maie laie soche further punyshment uppon the offendours as theire corrupt and badd dealinge, beinge proved before you, dothe deserve, &c.

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Sonday. At the Courte at Greenwiche, the 14 May.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord North.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir John Fortescue.

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Signed by all their Honors that sate this day.

The cargo of
the Venetian
argosy.

A letter to Edward Maxey, Customer, John Caplin, Comptroler of Southampton, Marke James and Jonas Quarles. Whereas wee supposed that the matter in question betwixt you and Martin Frederico in the behalf of the Signorie of Venice, towching the unlading and sale of certaine graine out of an argosie arived at Portesmouth named the Sancta Agatha Morizina, had bin longe ere this accorded betwixt you, wee do now finde by the complaint of the said Frederico renewed unto us that it is farr otherwise, and that you are charged by him to be very faultie in denying or delaying the full satisfaccion that is supposed to be dew. For the ending of this difference and for our better information wee referred this matter by our letters in February last to th'examynacion of Dr. Cæsar, Dr. Parkins and some others, by whose report unto us returned, though wee find you acquitted of the most of the imputacions and

blame wherewith you are charged, nevertheles it appeareth that you ought to be accomptable and to make satisfaccion unto the said Frederico for xxj quarters and some odd bushelles of wheate, as also for lxxxvj^{li.} in money remayning in your handes, xxx^{li.} onlie of the said money to be deducted, which Dr. Cæsar, Dr. Parkins and the rest thought meete for your charges to be allowed.

Upon this their report wee see no cause of longer staie, but that you ought without any refusall to satisfie and pay unto Frederico so much as by the examynacion of the matter is found dew, whereof you may take knowledg by the report it self of Dr. Cæsar and Dr. Parkins set downe in their letter unto us, and therefore wee do require and charge you to protract the tyme no longer nor to delay the satisfaccion, but to take order amonge your selves that either all of you or some one of you at the least for you may foorthwith repaire to London to fynish up the accompt with the aforesaid Martin Frederico, and to make presente payment thereuppon of so much as remayneth dew and unsatisfied. It displeaseth us to finde our selves thus continually importuned with this complaint and the busyness delaid, which might have bin ended longe ere this with more ease (as wee suppose) unto your selves and with contentment unto the complaynant, and therefore faile you not now to make a perfect and full ende thereof, as you will answeere the contrarie before us for any neglect or fault heerein to be committed on your part. And so, &c.

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This day Barnabie Barnes of the citie of Duresme having bin sent for before their Lordships to aunswere such matters as he is to be charged with hath made his apparaunce accordingle, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsaile, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give his attendaunce from tyme to tyme on their Lordships at their meetings

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in Counsaile, and not to departe untill by their honors' order he shalbe dismissed.

The same day Robert Wheeler of Geevington in Sussex and Richard Fleming of the same towne having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant have made their apparaunces accordingle, which for their indempnities is heere recorded, being nevertheles enjoyned to attend as the former.

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Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

Destruction of
enclosures in
Derbyshire.

A letter to John Manners, esquire, Sheriff of the countie of Derby, John Rhodes, William Kniveton and John Bentley, esquires. Having bin informed by a complaint heere presented unto us of a great disorder comitted by sondry unrulie and riotous persons (assembled in great number in Hame and Midleton or thereaboutes in the countie of Derby), who are said in very unlawfull and riotous manner to have plucked downe a great part of a wall in or about some partes of the landes of inheritaunce of our verie good Lord the Earle of Shrewsbury in the places above mencioned. Although this complaint was meete at the first to have bin made knowen to you, the Justices, and by your lawfull authoritie to be redressed, nevertheles wee cannot forbear to take notice of so notorious a disorder, which may grow to farther inconvenience unlesse it be speedilie looked unto, and therefore wee have thought meete to referr the examynacion of yt unto you, praying and requiring you to call before you all such parties as shalbe charged with the said offence by those that follow the complaint in the behalfe of our verie good Lord the Earle of Shrewsburie and the Ladie Elizabeth Countesse of Shrewsbury, widow, who (as we are informed) is also wronged by this riotous

disorder, and uppon dilligent enquirie and examynacion thereof by you taken to redresse and punish the same according to the statutes of this realme and according to the lawfull authoritie that the Justices of Peace have in that behalf. In the meane while you are to take verie good order for the preservacion of her Majesty's peace, and that the aforesaid disordred persons that have begonn such riotous course may be prevented and restrayned of any farther proceeding in this or the like misbehaviour, whereunto wee pray you to have regard. And so, &c.

Signed by all the Lordes that sate this daye, date 14^o.

A letter to the Maiour, Recorder and Sheriffes of London. Wee are very sorry to understand of the great disorder that was yesterday comitted in the citty of London by an affraye betwixt our very good Lord the Lord Evre and his brother and certaine of the Woodringtons, gentlemen of the Northe Countrey, and so much the more for the great hurt and misfortune that thereof ensued. But forasmuch as the qualitie of this offence maie have great difference on either side, according as it shalbe found on which parte the first cause of this disorder did growe and arise, wee therefore beinge desirous to be informed of the truthe hereof do praie and require you to take a very dilligent examinacion of the matter towching the said affraye and the first occasion and all other circumstances of the same by any such proofes and witnesses as maie be had on either parte for declaracion of the truthe, and thereof to advertise us with convenient speed. In the meane while you maie by no meanes tak baile for th'enlargement of the Woodringtons or either of them that are committed to prison uppon this disorder untill the matter be fully examined and certefied unto us, and untill you shall receave farther order from us in that behalf. And so, &c.

An affray in
the City.

Postscript. Wee are enformed that the prison of the Compter, wher the Woodringtons are prisoners, is very inconvenient and noysome for their health, and therefore you

shall do well to bestowe them in some other more convenient place of any of your prisons as maie be better for their health, though you remove others.

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An Admiralty case.

This daie John Weekes of Plymouth, merchant, having bin called before the Lords of the Counsell to answere certaine matters wherwith he was charged and having entred his apparance and his cause referred to Dr. Cæsar, Judg of the Admiraltie, by the Lords, for to be ordered and ended by him, upon notice given from Dr. Cæsar that there was no more cause of his attendance, he having yealded satisfaccion to those that complained of him, made request that it might be entred in this Register of Counsell for his indempnity, which is accordingly donne and he dismissed of any longer attendance.

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Lord Archbishop.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Northe.

Lord Buckhurst.

The shops in the Royal Exchange.

A letter to Mr. Comptroler and Mr. Chancelour of th'Exchequer. Whereas the inclosed petition hath bin exhibited unto us by the tennants and occupiers of the shoppes and stalles in the Royall Exchange in London, wherby they do informe us that having not longe sithence paid unto the Lady Gresham, lately deceased, the somme of 4,000 poundes for estates of xxj^{tie} yeares in the said shoppes and stalles, and in the controversie betweene the citty and the heire of the said Lady Gresham they (as they do informe us) did voluntarily atturue and become tennantes unto the citty and had promise to be favourablie delt withall, and now there is not only a course taken to make those leases voide that coste them great sommes of money, but also an enhauncement of rentes and great fynes (as they say) are demanded of them for an estate of few yeares, and yeat, as they do alleadg, the rente already taken

of the shoppes and stalles is more then will suffice to dischargd the uses appointed by the testatour. In regard of the great sommes of money they were lately constrained to disburse and these their informacions wee at their earnest and humble suite have thought meete to take somme course of examinacion of the matter and of moderacion (if it shalbe founde needfull) betwixt the citty and them, and do think that the same maie very well be undertaken by you (if you will abide the paines and travaile to bring the same to some good ende), and therefore do praie you to take somme tyme at your best leasure to call before you such as the Lord Maiour and the citty shall appoint to follow this cause and somme of the tenants of the Exchange, and to heare the reasons on both sides, and therupon (if you shall see cause) upon due examinacion of the allegations of both partes to deale with the comittees of the citty to take a more moderate and charitable course, and to give rather a good example then so harde a president to improve rentes in these harde tymes, or (if you shall finde them otherwise resolved) to make us acquainted with the determination of the Maiour and the citty in this behalf. For your better informacion and direccion in this cause, if you think good to call any of the Quene's Learned Counsell unto you, they are to attend you. And so, &c.

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Lord Archbishop.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl Mareshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Masters of Requestes. This petition hereinclosed, which hath bin presented unto us by a poore and aged man, one Richard Clarke, wee have thought good to send unto you, and forasmuch as his old yeares and his poore estate are unfitt to follow suites in law, wee are

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therefore mooved in compassion of him for the respectes aforesaid to commend his cause unto you to be dispatched with such convenient speede as you may affoord, and with such lawfull favour as shalbe agreable to equitie and good conscience and in your power to yeald him. You shall do both a just and charitable deede, the cause depending in your Court, speedilie to take order in yt, which wee pray and require you to do. And so, &c.

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Signed and dated as before.

An appeal
from Jersey.

A letter to the Bailiff of Jerzey, John Parin, Nicholas Lampier, Peter Solmount, Phillip Journeaux and Phillip Romrill, or to any 5 or 4 of them, whereof the Bailiff to be one. Whereas an humble petition hath bin exhibited unto us by John de Carterett of the Isle of Jerzey, gentleman, whereby he informeth us that uppon the xth of Maye, 1596, he was to keepe his Court uppon a peece of ground called the Jonets within the precinct of his mannour of Vincheles, which he holdeth of her Majestie *in capite*, uppon the which place of Jonets he hath kept his Court before that tyme, yet nevertheles one John Dumaresque, pretending to dispossesse the suppliant (as it seemeth), sent one Richard Cuttance, his attorney, to the place to leavie the claime of Haro, thereby to staie the said Court, which was donne accordingly and the same Haro obeyed by the suppliant, who consented that the matter should be tried before you, the Bailiff and Jurattes. To which ende he produced his proofes and dylie did informe you that the possession was his by the deposicion of many witnesses sworne to that purpose (as he alleageth), and yet by meanes of certaine of the Jurattes in the Court (unto whome he taketh excepcion as being allied and of affinitie unto the said Dumaresque) hath bin longe delaid of a difinitive sentence and barred from his lawfull possession of the premisses. Wee do therefore require and charge you that foorthwith upon the receipt of these our letters you call before you

both the parties or their lawfull attorneys in that behalf, and uppon perusall and consideracion of the proofes produced by the complaynant to proceede to a difinitive sentence without any further delaie according to law and the custome of that Island, and in case any one of the said parties shall finde himself greeved by appeale of your sentence, that then you take good bondes of both partes for their apparance before us within some short and reasonable tyme. And so, &c.

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Lord Archbishop.	Lord North.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A placard for William Devick, gentleman, to passe into Fraunce unto Thomas Edmondes, esquire, her Majesty's Agent there, and for Jasper Cave and other servauntes of the said Mr. Edmondes to repaire in like sort to their master, and to take with them five horses and a moyle with certaine trounckes and other necessities for Mr. Edmondes' use.

Passports for
France.

Another open placard for certaine French gentlemen, namelie Messieurs Esqurag, Sereirs, Blaise, La Faie, Guaddevile and Constans to returne into Fraunce and to carrie with them such horses and geldinges as they have bought for their owne saddles, and other necessities that they shall have cause to take with them for their uses.

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Lord Keeper.	Earl Marshall.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Sheriffes of London. Upon the humble suite of the Alderman of the Stilliard in the behalf of himself and the rest of that Company yt is thought good once againe to give them some respite for

A further
respite for the
Steelyard
merchants.

their departure, in expectacion that wee shall now speedilie be advertised what certaine resolucion is taken for the usaige of her Majesty's merchaunts of Hamborough and Stoade. And therefore whereas to-morrow, being the xvth of this instant, was lymitted unto them for their departure, now the tyme is enlarged untill the 29 of this self same moneth, whereof wee have thought good to advertise you, to the ende that no disturbance may be offered them during the said tyme, and that you may have regard to the observacion of such order as was prescribed by a letter written you the 25 of March uppon like occasion of forbearance and respite then graunted unto them. And so wee bidd, &c.

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xvj^o May.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lodgings for
the Dutch
Deputies.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London requiring him in her Majesty's name (all delayes and excuses sett aparte) to provide and make readie somme convenient lodging within the citty for the Admirall of Zealant, Justinian de Nassau, and Monsieur Barnevelt, Deputies for the States of the United Provinces (who are comme unto her Majestie for speciall service), and the same to accomodate with all furniture and necessities fitt for their use, and not to use any backwardnes in the accomplishing hereof (as sometymes heretofore upon like occasion hath bin donne), as he regards the perill of her Majesty's displeasure.

Lord Keeper.

Earl Notingham.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

* This letter
was stayed
and another
written in
lieu thereof.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. The abuses wherewith two of the Deputy Lieutenantes of the county of Merioneth, namely Kadwaladar Price and John Lewes Owen, esquires,

* Original marginal note.

are charged by a complaint presented unto us (as maie appeare unto your Lordships (*sic*) by the petition hereinclosed) are such as it displeaseth us much to heare that any Deputy Lieutenant should deserve to be called in question for such misgovernement of himself and of the countrey, and wee cannot doubt but your Lordship upon examinacion hereof (if you finde cause) will take speedy order for remedy. The taking of armour and munition (to the valew of 1,000^{li.}) of the countrey's stoare and the converting of the same to their owne use, the levying of a 1,060^{li.} more upon the inhabitantes of the county with pretence of her Majesty's service and indeed to their owne advantage, and the detayning of 700^{li.} in their handes, or the handes of the collectors, which should be employed for the service and use of the countrey, are the offences whereof they are accused, a matter so intollerable (if it be true) as deserveth great punishment. And therefore wee do earnestly praie and require your Lordship to cause a due examinacion to be had of this complaint, and the Deputy Lieutenantes and the collectors to be called to their answeare, wherupon if your Lordship do finde either the sommes of money above mencioned or any parte thereof to be so detayned and abused by them, wee praie your Lordship to take order for the recovery thereof and for the disposing of it to the use and service of the county as you shall finde most needfull, and to certefy us of your Lordship's proceedinges herein. What course is fitt to be taken to make the Deputy Lieutenantes to know their fault (if they be founde faulty) maie be afterwardes considered. In the meane tyme wee praie your Lordship to regarde the releef of the countrey, whereof wee make no doubt. And, &c.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Sir Thomas West, knight, Caro Raleigh, William Dorrington and John Penruddock, esquires, or 3 or 2 of them. Having receaved an humble petition of

A family
quarrel.

A family
quarrel.

Thomas Keylwey, sonne of Frauncis Keylwey, esquire, of Rogburne in the countie of Southampton, whereby he maketh complaint that his said father detayneth from him his necessarie meanes and maintenaunce of living, which after much suite and controversie betweene them heeretofore was agreed on and ordered to be allowed unto the said Thomas Kelwey by his father, although these unkinde suites betweene the father and the sonne should rather be otherwise accorded by the discrecion of themselves or by the meanes of freendes then be brought before us, nevertheles in regard of his weaknes and impotencie (being as it seemeth utterlie lame and a creeple) and in pitie of his great neede, which he pretendeth to be such as he wanteth meanes of necessarie sustenaunce, wee have bin mooved to have consideracion of his said complaint and to give order for remedie if the same shalbe found just and trew. For which purpose wee have thought good to make choise of you to deale with the said Frauncis Keilway the father, and (by vertue of this our letter calling him before you) to enquire out the truthe of the complaint, and of the causes why he doth not performe and accomplish the order and agreement heeretofore made for his sonne's releefe and maintenaunce, wherein if you shall finde him faultie, wee do praie and require you to deale earnestlie with him (using our names heerein and your owne creditt) for performaunce of the said agreement and for allowaunce of dew maintenaunce and reliefe unto his sonne, so as from hencefoorth there may be no more cause of complaint, or otherwise to enjoyne him to appeare before us to shew cause to the contrarie, and of your proceedinges heerein to certifie us. So, &c.

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14 May, 1598.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroler.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Sir George Cary, Sergeant Glanvile, Sergeant Heale and William Carew, esquire, or any 3 or 2 of you, whereof one of the Sergeantes to be one. Whereas th'inclosed petition and articles hath bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of the Maiour and magistrates of the towne of Totnes conteyning sondry misdemeanors of William Blackaller and others of the said towne and parish, whereof some do concerne her Majesty and her Highnes' services and others the subversion of all civill and quiett government within the said towne, and, as wee are enformed, the said Blackaller with others of his faction do labour what in them lyeth to induce others to be in like sorte disobedient to all good order and civile government, and indevoure to gather unto themselves a multitude of the baser sorte of people of the said towne to impugne her Majesty's late charter graunted for the good government of the said towne, by perswading liberty and freedome from punishment to such as are bakers, brewers and such like, by reason whereof the towne is drawen into faction, the government of the Maiour and his brethren contemned and her Majesty's service hindred and neglected. And for that th'example is very dangerous and not to be suffred, wee have thought good to send unto you the said complaint and the articles exhibited unto us, requiring you to take the paines to examine the same. And to the ende wee maie be truly and rightly enformed of the quallity of these misdemeanors, wee do hereby authorise you fower or any three or two of you (whereof one of the Sergeantes to be one) to call before you all such persons as can informe you towching the said misdemeanors and to take a due and straight examinacion of them concerning the particularities of the said complaint, and thereupon, if you finde the said Blackaller or any of the rest to be faulty in any such manner as they are charged, then to take order for satisfaction to be made by them (in such sorte as you shall thinke meete) unto the Maiour and burgesses of the said towne for their disorderly proceedinges, together with acknowledgment of their offence and with conformity hereafter to

Troubles at
Totnes.

the orderly government of the towne, or elles if they refuse so to do, to take good bondes of them to appear and answere the matter before us at somme convenient tyme by you to be assigned. And so expecting to be advertised (as you shall see cause) of your proceedinges herein, wee bidd, &c.

14 May, 1598.

Lord Archbishop.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

The fire at
Tiverton.

A letter to the Masters of Requests. The lamentable misfortune of the towne of of *(sic)* Tiverton in the county of Devon which hath happened of late hath given cause of humble suite unto us, and by us unto her Majesty in the inhabitantes' behalf. The towne being consumed with fire and the inhabitantes therby miserably impoverished, the only meanes for their relief is by waie of collection throughout her Majesty's realme of such benevolence as charity and pittie of so great a mischance shall move her well disposed subjectes to affoarde. Which course of making collection having bin of late so restrained by the lawes of the realme uppon very just causes as that there can be no licence or warrant for it but such as proceedeth immediatly from her Majestie, wee do therefore commend the said humble suite of the inhabitantes for such collection to be presented by you unto her Majesty, praying you to use as much speede as you maie and to do your best endevoure for th'obteyning of the same. The case is extraordinary and the number of those whome it concerneth very great, their estate very pittifull, and therefore somme speedy course needfull for their relief. And so, &c.

19 May, 1598.

Signed as the former letter, with addicion of the Lord
Buckhurst.

A letter to Mr. Francis Bacon and Mr. William Waad, Suspected
treachery
at Ostend.
esquires. Whereas Sir Edward Norreys, knight, Governour
of Ostende, hath sent over unto us a certain prisoner taken
by somme of his garrison, which prisoner is said to have bin
suborned and appointed by the Cardinall to have practised
somme mischief in the said garrison towne of Ostende, wee
have thought good (because somme farther matter of his p. 262.
intent and of the practise of the ennemy by him maie happen
to be discovered then as yeat he hath confessed) to referr
th'examinacion of him unto you, praying and requiring you
as soone as your convenient leasure will permitt to cause
him to be brought before you, and to examine him upon
such pointes and articles as you shall thinke good to frame
and propounde unto him upon consideracion had and
perusall of the former examinacions taken by the said
Governour of Ostende and sent hither, which you shall
herewith receave, and of yo[u]r proceedings herein to
certifie us. So wee bid, &c.

20 Maye, 1598.

This daie John Dudley of Compton in the countie of Appearance
before the
Council.
Stafford, esquire, having been required by letters from the
Earle Marshall of England to give his present attendaunce
on their Lordships to aunswere such matters as he is to
be charged with hath made his apparaunce accordinglie,
which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register
of Counsaile, being nevertheles 'enjoynd in their Lordships'
names to give his dailie attendance on them from tyme to
tyme at their meetings in Counsell, and not to depart
untill by their honours' order he shalbe dismissed.

15 May, 1598.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord North.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroler.

The David
and her
prize.

An open warrant to the Sergeant of the Admiraltie or to William Pope, Deputie Sergeant. Whereas by an order sett down by us for satisfaccion of Virgilio Corbizi and Fraunces Betti, Italians, in the behalf of themselves and other subjectes of the Great Duke of Tuscan in regard of a spoile comitted on them by certaine Englishmen shipped in the David of London, it hath bin decreed and appointed that, amongst others by whome recompence is to be made to the said Florentines, Sir John Spencer, knight, Alderman of London, is to paye unto them the somme of 79^{li}. 5^s. according to the proporcion of averadg for the goodes and merchaundize that the said Sir John Spencer had in the said shipp, the David, and moreover is to paie his part for the fraught of the shipp according to the rate and proporcion of his said goodes and merchaundize. Forasmuch as the said Sir John Spencer hath yealded and is contented to pay the said summe of 79^{li}. 5^s. according to the order of averadg, and likewise upon the receipt of his goodes is contented to pay and discharge his due part of the fraight, these shalbe therefore to charge and require you that as soone as the said Sir John Spencer shall have paid unto Virgilio Corbizi and Frauncisco Betti, or either of them, the said summe of 79^{li}. 5^s. you do deliver or cause to be delivered unto him, or to any other appointed by him for that purpose, all the goodes and merchaundizes of him, the said Sir John Spencer, that are in the shipp the David or under arrest for the cause aforesaid, so as he the said Sir John Spencer do also undertake and promise to paye and satisfie his porcion of the fraight to the use of the Italians after he shall have receaved his said goodes without delaie or making any new question or alteracion. Whereof faile you not, &c.

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This daie William Colestone of Bristoll, gentleman, having bin sent for by warrant from their Lordships to aunswere such matters as are to be objected against him hath made his apparaunce accordingle, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned in their Lordships' names to give his daielie attendance on their Lordships at their meetinges in Counsaile, and not to departe without license obteyned by (*sic*) their Lordships.

The Searcher
of Bristol.

Sonday forenoone and after noone. At the Court of Greenwich, Sonday, 21 Maye, 1598.

Presente :—

Lord Archbishop of

Lord North.

Canterbury.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroler.

Earl Mareshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Chancelour of

Lord Chamberlain.

the Exchequer.

In the after noone the Lord Treasurer was presente.

A warrant to the Keeper of the Marshallsey to graunt the libertie of that prison to Thomas Madrin and Craford, being before kept as close prisoners.

The
Marshalsea.

A letter to Sir John Peyton, knight, Lieutennant of the Tower of London, her Majesty's Solicitour Gennerall and William Waad, esquiour, one of the Clarke of the Counsell. Whereas upon informacion given unto her Majestie against Thomas Abington, esquiour, that he did harbour and receive into his house Gerrard the Jesuite that escaped this last winter out of the Tower of London, his house was searched, where divers lewde writings were founde, and examinacion of certaine persons in his house and others thereabouts, which remayne with you, William Waad. Forasmuche as Abington

Harbouring
Jesuits.

himself ys lately come up hether and committed to the prisone of the Compter in Wood Street, theis shalbe to require you to peruse the informacion against him and the writings that were founde in his house at the tyme of the searche, together with suche examinacions as were taken by Sir Henry Bromley, knight, of Abington's servants, and there upon to frame suche interrogatoris as you shall thincke meete to be propounded unto him, and after you have taken his examinacion to send the same hither unto us. So, &c.

Eodem die. Signed:—

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Comptroler.

An attempt
to poison the
Recorder of
Berwick.

A letter to Mr. Attourney Generall, Mr. Frauncis Bacon and Mr. William Waad. Upon complaint made unto us by John Browne, esquire, Recorder of Barwick, that one Barnaby Barnes of late attempted and put in practise to poison the said Browne (by which he was in great daunger of his life), wee committed the said Browne (*sic*) to the prison of the Marshallsey, there to remaine untill the cause may receave dew examynacion. Wee have therefore thought meete to require you with some convenient expedicion, as well by the testimony of witnesses as by all other good meanes, to examyne and search out the truth of this complaint and of the circumstances thereof, and if you finde by prooffe or pregaunt presumptions that the said Barnes is any waie culpable heerein, that then you take advise of the Lord Cheefe Justice of England what course is fitt for to be followed for punishing of so fowle and odious an offence, and thereof to certifie us together with your whole proceedinges, to the end such farther order may be taken as to justice appertayneth. Heereof wee pray you to have especiall regard, &c.

Lord Keeper.

Earl Nottingham.

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Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroller.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. The abuses where-
with two of the Deputy Lieutenantes of the county of
Merioneth, namely Kadwaladar Price and John Lewes Owen,
esquires, are charged by complaint presented unto us (as maie
appeare unto your Lordship by the petition hereinclosed)
are such as it displeaseth us much to heare that any
Deputy Lieutenant should deserve to be called in question
for such misgovernement of himself and of the countrey,
and wee cannot doubt but your Lordship uppon examinacion
hereof (if you finde cause) will take speedy order for remedy.
The taking of armour and munition (to the valew of 1,000^{li.})
of the countrey's stoare and the converting of the same to
their owne use, the levying of a 1,000^{li.} more upon the
inhabitanes of the county with pretence of her Majesty's
service and indeede to their owne advantage, and the detayn-
ing of 700^{li.} in their handes or the handes of the collectors
which should be employed for the service and use of the
countrey, are the offences whereof they are accused, a matter
so intollerable (if it be true) as deserveth great punishment.
And therefore wee do earnestly praie and require your Lord-
ship to cause a due examinacion to be had of the complaint
and the Deputy Lieutenantes and the collectours to be called
to their answeare, whereupon if your Lordship do finde either
the summes of money abovemenconed or any parte thereof
to be so detayned and abused by them, wee praie your
Lordship to take order for the recovery and for the disposing
of it to the use and service of the county as you shall
thinke most needfull, and to certefy us of your Lordship's
proceedinges herein. What course is fitt to be taken to make
the Deputy Lieutenantes to know their fault (if they be founde
faulty) maie be afterwarde considered. In the meane tyme
wee praie your Lordship to regarde the releef of the countrey,
whereof wee make no doubt. And so, &c.

* This letter
was entred in
the seconde
leafe going
before, but
was not sent.

* In steede of
this letter,
which was
staid, there
was a letter
written to the
Earl of Pem-
brooke con-
cerning the
same matter,
and is in the
second leafe
heereafter
following,
bearing date
28 May.

* Original marginal notes.

21 May, 1598.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Chancelour.

The fray in
the City.

A letter to the Maiour, Recorder and Sheriffes of London. Whereas wee did of late give order unto you by our letters not to take any baile for th'enlargement of the Woodringtons, comitted to prison for the dangerous hurtes and woundes that Sir William Evre receaved by them, now forasmuch as wee have bin certefied that Sir William Evre is in so good liklyhood of recovery as there is no cause to feare any danger of death, wee do thincke it good reason that the said Woodringtons should be enlarged, together with any others that are in prison upon the same occasion, upon good and sufficient baile given for their forthecominge to be answereable unto the law for any matter wherewith they maie be charged concerning the cause of this their imprisonment. Wee do therefore require you (notwithstanding our former prohibition and restraint) to take baile for their enlargement, so as the surties that are to be bounde for their forthecominge be very sufficient and the summe five hundreth poundes at the least. So doing this our letter shall dischardge you from the prohibition that by our former letter you receaved. And so, &c:

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Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Tresorer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Admirall.

Sir John Fortescue.

The claims
of the
Frobishers
against the
City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of London. Wee wrote our letter the last yeare to the then Maiour and Aldermen of London in the behalf of Peter Frobisher for satisfaccion of the summe of 135^{li.} dew to him, as executour to Sir Martin Frobisher, knight, for the revictualling of six shippes sett forth by the said citty in

the yeare 1594, that were then appointed to attend certaine of her Majesty's shippes at that tyme under the charge of the said knight for the rasinge of the forte at Brest, wherunto though wee receaved such answere at that tyme as is conteyned in the cotype of the same hereinclosed, wherby they signify that they are not to charge the citty therewith in regarde the comittees for that action did compounde (as they pretende) with certaine cittizens who undertooke the perfourmance of the said service in consideration of a certaine summe of money to them allowed for that purpose. Nevertheles wee do not finde but that the debt is very dew unto the said Frobisher, whereof he hath particular accomptes and proofes to shew, nor any cause why he should holde himself contented and satisfied with this answere. For if the perfourmance of the said service were undertaken (as is alleadged) by certaine comittees and money allowed accordingly unto them for the same, yet supposing the debt to be dew, Frobisher is to demande it of you, the Maiour and Aldermen, as from the citty, the disbursement having bin made for the citty's use, and you againe to require satisfaccion of it from the comittees. Wee do therefore praie and require you to call the said comittees before you and to take somme farther order for satisfaccion of the debt unto Frobisher, either by procuring it from them or by somme other meanes as you shall think meete upon the citty's charge. This wee thinke to be good reason and meete to be performed, unlesse it maie appeare and be proved that the money demaunded by Frobisher is not dew unto him, and therefore you shall do well so to order the matter as that he maie be put to no more travaile in following the suite nor wee be troubled with more complaint, wherein wee desire you not to faile. And so, &c.

22 May, 1598.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Recorder and Sheriffes of London that whereas upon hope conceived of the amende-ment and recovery of Sir William Evre, knight, they (*sic*) gave

The fray in
the City.

order and dirreccion yesternight by their letter for the taking baile of the Woodringtons and others, now upon knowledg of the dangerous estate of the said Sir William Evre testified under the handes of a doctor of phisicke and two surgeons, they have thought good that they shall not proceede farther for their bailing untill other order be given by them in that behalf.

21 May.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Tresorer.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

Frauds of
Welsh Deputy
Lieutenants.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall. You shall by a petition hereinlosed (which hath bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of the inhabitantes of the county of Carmerthen) take knowledg of a notable misdemeanour supposed to have bin committed by somme of the Deputy Lieutenantes of that county, namely Edward Don Lee, esquire (who since that tyme is deceased), and by Morgan Johnes and Thomas Powell, factors and dealers for Sir Thomas Johnes, knight, by the said knight's consent and appointment. These are said to have cessed and in somme sorte collected and levyed uppon the inhabitantes of that county the somme of 1,400^{li}. for the setting forthe and furnishing one hundred men in her Majesty's service, and to detayne the same in their handes, notwithstanding that the said hundred men were not then sett forthe and employed, an offence so intollerable (if it be true) as deserveth very severe punishment, both in respect of so excessive a summe taxed to the great charge and burthen of the inhabitantes when much lesse would have served, and also for detayning parte of the same from those to whome it should be restoared. Wee have therefore sent the complaint unto you, that you maie consider of somme informacion to be preferred in the Starr Chamber against those that are livinge and charged with the said offence, whereof wee praie you to take some care. And, &c.

25 May, 1598.

This daie John Dumaresque, gentleman of the Isle of p. 266.
Jerzey, having bin sent for by warrant from the Lords of Appearance
her Majesty's most honorable Privy Counsaile to answe before the
such matters as are to be objected against him hath made Council.
his apparance accordingly, which for his indempnity is there
entred in this Register Booke of Counsell, being nevertheles
enjoynd in their Lordships' names to give his daily
attendance on their honors from tyme to tyme at their
meetinges in Counsaile, and not to depart untill by their
Lordships' order he shalbe dismissed.

25 May, 1598.

Robert Peachy of Mildenhall in the county of Suffolk, Rights of
yeoman, having bin sent for by the Lords of the Coun- turbary at
saile to answe a contempt committed by him contrary to Mildenhall.
an order given from the Lords to Sir John Higham,
knight, for th'examing of somme controversie concerning
the digging of turves in the fennes, parcell of the manour
of Mildenhall, upon his humble submission and acknowledg-
ment of his faulte their Lordships are this daie pleased that
the said Peachie should be released out of the prison of
the Marshalsea, where he was by them committed, and
dischardged from any farther attendance on them.

Eodem die.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Secretary.

Two severall warrantes directed to all her Majesty's Messengers
puplique officers requiring them to permitt such servantes from the
of Sir Thomas Leighton's (that shall shew somme note Channel Isles.
under his hande) quietly to passe by them, and also to see
them furnished from tyme to tyme (as busynes maie require)
of hable post horses with guides in cominge from the Isle

of Guernzey to the Court, and from thence againe (of the like) at their returnes thither, and to be provided of shipping for their speedy transportacion at prices accustomed in like services of her Majesty. Whereof not to faile, &c.

Date 21.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

The defence
of the
Channel Isles.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. It was thought needfull by her Majestie the last yeare to provide for the safety of the Isles of Jerzey and Guernesey by preparing and putting in readynes a sufficient number of soldiers to be speedily transported thither if occasion should require. The whole number was three hundred, and the same were appointed to be taken out of the county of Somerset, under your Lordships' Lieutenancye, but for that tyme it was thought sufficient to levy and send awaie only one hundred, equally devided betwixt the Isles, that is to say fifty to each of them, the rest were to remaine in readynes in the county to be employed if neede should require. The like care her Majesty hath at this present to provide for the defence of the said Isles, and therefore forasmuch as the hundred men which were sent over into them were withdrawen and called backe when the sommer tyme was ended and less liklyhood of any danger, it is thought very necessary, the tyme and season now serving againe for any attemptes of the ennemy, (though her Majesty be not presently resolved to send any thither) yet to have the like supply of men in a readynes within the said county armed, furnished and trayned in such sorte as heretofore hath bin prescribed, and so as they maie speedily be employed for the said Islandes when her Majestie shall see cause to send either the

whole number aforesaid or any part thereof. For performance whereof wee do praie your Lordship to take care, and to give order to your Deputy Lieutenantes for the due execucion of the same with dilligence. And so wee, &c.

30 May.

A warrant to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of the Chamber, to paye unto Henry Hamerton for his expence and charges for bringing one Zouche from Dover to the Court as prisoner, by direccion of the Lord Cobham, the summe of forty shillinges.

Warrant for payment.

At the Courte at Greenwich, the 28th of May, 1598. p. 267.

Present :—

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lorde Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Marshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir John Fortescu.

Signed by all the Lords that sate, except
Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. Whereas two of the Deputy Lieutenantes of the county of Merioneth, namely Kadwaladar Price and John Lewes Owen, esquires, by a bill of complaint exhibited against them in the Highe Courte of Starr Chamber in Michaelmas Tearme last past, are charged with many unjust and corrupt dealinges in their office, and namely with the taking of armour and munition to the valew of 1,000^{li} of the countreye's stoare out of the Castle of Harlich and converting of the same to their owne use, and moreover with the levying of 1,000^{li} upon the inhabitantes of the said county with pretence of her Majesty's service, but indeede to their owne advantage, which suite is yeat depending in the Starr Chamber, there to be prosecuted and to receave tryal. Your Lordship shall understand that by a peticion presented unto us (which wee send you

A letter thrice revised.

hereinclosed) wee have bin informed of 700^{li.} or thereaboutes more lately levyed upon that county (which is not mentioned in the said former informacion or bill exhibited in the Starr Chamber), and that the same is not employed but remaineth parte in the handes of the said Kadwaladar Price and parte in the collectors' handes. Upon which informacion we have thought good to write this our letter unto your Lordship to take order for redresse of this last complaint concerning the 700^{li.} (leaving the former matters to the proceedinges in the Starr Chamber where they depende), and therefore wee do earnestly praie and require your Lordship to cause a due examinacion to be had of the said complaint, and the Deputy Lieutenantes or the one of them (that you shall finde charged with this offence) and the collectors to be called to their answere. Whereupon if your Lordship do finde either the whole summe aforesaid of 700^{li.} or any parte thereof to be so detayned by them or any of them, wee praie your Lordship to take order for the recovery thereof and for the disposing of it to the use and service of the county as you shall finde most needfull, and of your Lordship's proceedinges herein to certefy us. Moreover wee thinke very meete that during the tyme while these complaintes depende in suite and untill the said Deputy Lieutenantes have justified themselves, they should be restrained and comanded to forbear from th'execucion of their said office, which wee praie your Lordship to cause to be donne. And so, &c.

28 May.

Signed:

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

English
prisoners
from Spain.

An open warrant to Sir John Stanhop, knight, Treasurour of the Chamber. Whereas William Hiatt and Roger Pasco, two English marryners that had bin prisoners in Spayne,

coming from thence to Callice and so from thence arriving heere, they have both of them for some speciall services of her Majestie attended on us for the space of two monethes or thereabouts, these shalbe therefore to require you to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Hiatt and Pasco for their charges and expences during the tyme of their attendaunce on us the summe of fower poundes, &c.

A letter to the Masters and chirurgeons of St. Thomas' Hospitall whereby they were required to receave one John Young into that Hospitall, who had bin sore hurt in her Majesty's service of the warres in the Low Countries, where he served as sergeant of the company of Sir Frauncis Vere, knight.

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St. Thomas' Hospital.

28 May, 1598.

Signed by all the Lordes that sate, except Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Sheriffes of London. The earnest suite of the Alderman of the Stillyard in the behalf of himself and the rest of that Societie, together with the continuall expectacion wee have to understand what certaine resolucion shalbe taken concerning her Majesty's merchantes at Hamborough and Stoade, doth cause us from tyme to tyme to graunte respite unto the said merchantes of the Stillyard for their departure, whereunto they have bin at sondry tymes enjoyned. And therefore whereas the 29 of this instant was lastly prefixed and sett downe for their departure, your Lordship shall understand that wee have yeat againe bin moved by their intreaty to enlarge the tyme for one fortnight longer, that is to say untill the xiiijth of the next moneth, whereof wee do give you notice to th'end you maie take order that no molestacion or disturbance be offred them during the said tyme, but that they maie peaceably remaine there, observing such orders and condicions as in our former letters have bin prescribed. And so, &c.

Another fortnight's grace for the Steelyard.

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Signed by the Lordes that sate and my Lord Tresorer, saving
Sir John Fortescu.

The cost of
transport
from Picardy
to Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Whereas your Lordship receaved warrant from her Majestie by a Privy Seale of the xvijth of November last for the defraying of the charges of the transportacion of 900 soldiers from St. Valerie's in Picardy unto Waterford in Ireland, the charges whereof, having bin particularly sett downe and presented to us by William Borough, Comptroller of her Majesty's Navye, do arise unto three thowsand five hundred eight poundes and eleven pence, as maie be seene by the accompt he hath made of the same. Forasmuch as it appeareth that of the said summe there hath bin already payed 1,961^{li.} 14^{s.}, so as there remained behind unpaid the summe of 1,546^{li.} 6^{s.} 11^{d.}, wee do therefore praie your Lordship to take order by vertue of the Privy Seale abovemencioned for payement to be made to Roger Langford, to be paid over to the said William Borough, of the summe of 1,546^{li.} 6^{s.} 11^{d.} for full satisfaccion and dischardg of the expences that have bin bestowed in the service of her Majestie aforesaid, for the which this our letter signed by six of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile (according as is required by the said Privy Seale) shalbe sufficient warrant unto your Lordship. And so wee bidd, &c.

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The Welsh
Council.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke and the rest of the Counsell of the Marches of Wales. Whereas your Lordship and the rest of that Counsaile not longe since receaved letters from us with a petition thereinclosed exhibited unto us on the behalf of one Skynner, humbly desiring that a cause heard and sentenced by your Lordship and that Counsell betweene him and one Mutlow might be re-examined, whereunto wee moved your Lordship by our said letters, whereupon your Lordship wrote to me, the Lord Keeper, and with those letters sent a declaracion subscribed by your Lordship and Mr. Broughton shewing the reasons which

then moved you to sentence the cause against Skynner and now make you to thinke the same not meete to be re-examined. Your Lordship shall now understand that upon consideracion of your Lordship's letter and the declaracion therewith sent wee do rest satisfied, and notwithstanding our former letters do now leave your Lordship and the rest to proceede therein as to your selves shalbe conceaved most agreable to equity and conscience. And so, &c.

28 May.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lordes Justices, Lord Leiutenant Generall and the rest of the Counsell of Ireland. Your Lordships' letters of the fourth of Maye have fullie satisfied us for aunswering of our former letters written unto you the xxth of March, and therewith also wee hope wee have satisfied her Majestie with your excuses for your defence against certaine mislikinges of her Majesty's imparted unto you in generall for the evill successe of thinges in that government, contrarie to her desire and as now it seemeth without any evill desert of yours. And now wee will repeate unto you such thinges as uppon the receipt of your letters and otherwise uppon such intelligence as wee gather concerning that government wee thinke fitt to impart unto you.

*In this letter were enclosed the copies of these letters following, which be heereafter entered, viz.:—
The copie of the letter to Sir Coniers Clifford, the open warrant or letter to him, the copie of the letter to Bryan O'Rwork.

Wee finde how you have issued out the 13,560^{li.} sent unto you in November last, wherewith you have satisfied the paye for 2 monethes of November and December, wherein wee do note that the whole charge came to 17,876^{li.}, out of which wee finde abated for victualles but 1,610^{li.}, which seemeth a verie smale summe considering the great quantitie of victualles that have bin sent thither and

Irish accounts.

* Original marginal note.

Irish
accounts.

*13,560^{li}. in
November.

*The charge of
apparayle,
17,115^{li}.

no good accompt made to us. And for cheques there hath bin abated 2,860^{li}, a verie smale summe in respect wee finde the deficientes of your numbers uppon the vew of your late muster bookes to be neere hand 2,000 heades, so as the armie unchecked remaynes 4,120, and by that meanes wee make accompt that the summes abated for the cheques are farr lesse then they ought to have bin. Besides this wee finde it forgotten by you, the Treasurer, in your docquettes what money hath bin abated for the apparaile, the charg whereof since the tyme the same hath bin sent thither hath bin the summe of 17,115^{li}, a round summe worthy of an accompt. The booke which you sent unto us for the last half yeare at September collected by Sir Rafe Lane and Kiffin's man, amounting to 10,077^{li}, seemeth to be a summe well gathered in a generall summe, but uppon what bandes it hath bin leavied, or what persons have aunswere the same is not there expressed, which would have bin particulerly noted of the defectes of everie band, that thereby it might be understoode who they were that had their bandes so ill furnished and by what occasion the same did so grow. You do take knowledg of a provision of victuall sent of late thither by sea, which at the date of your letters was not there arrived, although wee hope the same is comme thither before this tyme, and thereof wee require to be certified. You give us hope that wee shall shortlie receave from you a certificate of the state of the armie for this last half yeare, which Sir Rafe Lane promised to expedite with speede.

Wee are sorie to perceave that for aunswere to the doubt conceaved what should becommen of the armour and weapons of above the number of 7,400 persons sent out of England that you, the now Counsailours, do write that the disorder and wast of the said armour and weapons happened in the tyme of former Governours when you had no authoritie to reforme the same, which aunswere, though it serve for some colour for your defence, yet being Counsailours of

* Original marginal notes.

Estate, your excuse is not sufficient. Yet we hope you will heereafter have better regard thereto, that the like ^{Irish} ^{accounts.} errour be not heereafterwardes committed. And heerewith you do earnestlie require to have some supplie of armour and weapons, and speciallie of swordes and murrions, whereof you do make no mencion of the number and quantities, but of that which shalbe sent you promise that the same shalbe issued to the soldier without losse to her Majestie, whereof wee do meane to procure somme convenient porcion to be sent, wishing streight order to be taken that the said armour and weapons be not aliened to the Irishe or otherwise negligentlie wasted. And whereas of late objection hath bin made by the Master of the Ordinance there that by reason that the soldiers had their full paie by their lendings and apparrell, he had no meane to defaulke from them such summes of money as was due by them for municion delivered out of his office, wee do confesse it to be trew that at the making of the said ordinances for lendings and apparrell that demaund for municion was at that tyme forgotten. Nevertheles uppon perusall of a booke sent from you, the Master of the Ordinaunce, for a quantitie of municion issued in the later half yeare, wee finde the summe verie great, but yet the same being totted in generall summes upon whole bandes it were reason that such officers and others of the said bandes as have their full paie should have their defalcations made out of their owne full paie, and such as had but lendings and apparrell should be accompted by themselves. But for healp heereof, for satisfaccion of the Queene, wee have thought it good, following somewhat the example p. 270. of the Lord Burgh, to spare so much of the value of the apparrell as the municions receaved by the particuler soldiers amounteth unto. And to that end at this present wee have abated for the sommer apparrell in this sort, that where by former order every band should have had so much apparrell for sommer as came to $\text{iiij}^{\text{xx}} \text{v}^{\text{li}} \text{xix}^{\text{s}} \text{iiij}^{\text{d}}$, now the merchautes are appointed to deliver them but to the value of $\text{lviiij}^{\text{li}} \text{iiij}^{\text{s}}$, so as wee hope by this abatement of allowaunce

in their apparrell for this sommer the municions delivered unto them may be defalked out of their paie.

Soldiers of
Irish birth.

You make it doubtfull how the multitude of the Irishe entertayned in bandes may be chaunged without daunger to ruin (*sic*) to the rebell, adding your conceipt that after the bandes might be made up with English most of the Irish might be drawen under somme comaunders to serve in the Low Countries or Fraunce, but wee see not any opportunitie how to effect the same, and therefore wee know no better waie presentlie then to have care taken there by the Comissaries and the Muster Master that as any of the Irish shall decaie or otherwise to relinquish service, their captaines may be charged uppon great penaltie to receave no more of the Irish to supplie those roomes, but either to supplie the same with such English as may be found there to supplie the same, or rather then to supplie them with Irishe to give knowledge hether unto us for the furnishing with somme convenient numbers of the said defectes, which wee will upon knowledge and request from you cause to be furnished.

Wee like very well that you have distributed the apparell, and spetiallie that you foresee that none receave any that hath not contynued three monethes in service, but how much hath bin defalked towardes the Queene's paie for the said apparell you make no mention. Wee like very well that you meane to checque all such as are absent from service there without good license, and so we wish you to use therein all convenient severitie. Wee perceave that the last treasure sent thither had bin there a fortnight before the date of your letter, and yet the dividend not then made, whereof wee mervaile, and yet you promize to send a certificat with speed. But by your former expences wee see diverse extraordinarie summes expended besides the dew wages and the lendinges, and thereby wee see it wilbe an uncertaine reckoning what is or shalbe due for everie moneth there, and thereby little or nothing is left to paie the monethes of Marche and Aprill, for the which you make earnest request as therein reason is to

satisfie you. You make mention of money due for the diett of soldiers in townes; but the particularities thereof you do not expresse, and yet there hath bin paid heere diverse great summes to sondry townsmen. At the writing of your letter it seemeth the municion sent of late thither was not then arrived, but wee doubt not but it hath bin a good tyme past commen thither, whereof you, the Master of the Ordinance, should do well to advertize hither.

Wee are verie sorie to see that where her Majestie hath bin at charge to have sent out of Picardy thether above eleven hundred soldiers in bandes, uppon your mustering of them there in Ireland they were found to be but 612 persons, for which purpose we require you, the Lord Lieutenaunt, to charge Sir Henry Poore, who was the conductour of them, to make aunswere both for himself and the eight captaines of his company how their said bandes were decaied and by what error or falsehood the same hath bin committed, considering her Majestie did allow both victualles and wages for above one thousand, whereof wee require you, the Lord Lieutenaunt, to certifie us, so as such an offence may be duelie punished.

The later part of your letters conteyne a declaracion of you, the Lord Lieutenant, concerning the arch-traitour Tirone, for declaracion whereof wee have receaved diverse writings of letters betwixt you and the said arch-traitour, by which wee perceave his cunnige disposicion to serve his owne turne by wyning of tyme and by breaking of his faith and woord with you, for which wee doubt not but you, the Lord Lieutenant, have sufficient cause both to hate him and to pursue him with all extremity, as wee hope you will uppon the arrivall of these 2,000 for your supplie you will (*sic*) therewith seeke to abate the traitour's pride, and omitt no good meanes to gayne somme parties against him whome he doth tyranouslie misuse. You shall understand that her Majestie hath taken great care for your releefe with such thinges as of late you did require, which hath bin victuall, men, money and municion, for all which this order hath and is to be taken. There hath bin alreadie the quantitie of 2,620 quarters of wheate and

The Picardy troops.

The arch-traitour Tyrone.

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rie sent thither about two monethes past, which although it was not arrived at the tyme of the date of your letters, yet wee doubt not but it is commen thither afore this tyme. There was also about the same tyme a hundred quarters of wheate and somme butter and cheese sent from Chester to Knogfergus, which wee assure our selves is there arrived a good tyme past.

The actual strength of the army in Ireland.

And now at this present wee have entered into consideration of the state of the armye there according to the muster-booke latelie sent, wherein hath bin very circum-spectlie and dilligentlie expressed what numbers in the bandes bee of meere English, what numbers borne in the Pale and what numbers were Irish, and by computacion of all the numbers conteyned in that booke wee finde the horsemen should be 521, but there are deficient thereof 105, and the footemen should be 6,061, but there are deficient thereof 1,941, so as at this present for re-enforcing of the footebandes her Majestie hath resolved to send thether 2,000 footemen, whereby the strength of the footemen shalbe 6,120. In which computacion of horsemen and footemen wee do not accompt the numbers that are of the retynew of the Lord Lieutenante and Justices, nor of the warders, the kerne, the marryners, pentioners and almesmen, which of late tyme do amount to above 900 persons, speciallie in divising of a multitude of wardes, which we hope that such new companies raised for wardes and for kerne there ought to be abated, for that therein wee finde a great excesse without any use or service.

For the supplie of your armie with these 2,000 men wee have considered of the late muster-booke, wherein the severall captaines are named, and do finde by reporte many of them absent and it may be willinglie discharged, so that the roomes of diverse of the captaines and conductours are thought to be voide, and it may be that sondry of them may be woorthelie displaced, the order of all which wee must referr to your consideration. And yet for the present you shall understand by a schedule in writing heerewith sent how wee have

appointed these numbers now leaved to be conducted to the sea side and somme of them to repaire into Ireland with them, there to take the charge of them, yf otherwise you shall not thincke it needefull to contynue such as have the charge to remaine therewith, which schedule wee require you well to consider and to lett us know in what partes you shall thincke it fitt to alter or chaunge the same. As for money wee hope to send thither to serve you for these 2 monethes past and no more. And for victuall in respect of the encrease of the armie with these 2,000 that shalbe sent thither wee have given order to make provision of victuall for 4,000 men for 4 monethes, hoping that the prizes of victuall before that proporcion can be expended wilbe found heere in the realme cheape, whereby with lesse charge to contynue further provision for the tyme to comme, wishing heerewith that the graine latelie sent may be also extended to increase the tyme of this proporcion now to be sent, and that some better regard heereafter be had of the expence of the victuall, and not to allow any other officer in that realme or servitour any victuall but such as are in bandes and are employd in the armies, for that wee see no reason why warders and pensioners or the retynues of the principall officers and their servauntes, having otherwise their full paies, should be furnished with victualles at her Majesty's charges. And heerein wee cannot but remember you, the auncient Counsellours, of former orders given thither and allowed also by you, that all such as should have *sterlinge* paye made unto them by waie of augmentacion should not be victualled at her Majesty's charges, which wee see by vew of the certificates of you, the Treasurour, so generallie broken as wee finde scarcelye one man in Ireland but hath his paie augmented to *sterlinge* and yet doth burthen her Majestie with provision of victuall, and heereby her Majestie in readie money is charged a fowerth penye more than she ought to be, and in expence of victuall hath of late yeares borne the losse of half the victuall, a matter very offensive unto her Majestie and worthy of some reformation.

The actual strength of the army in Ireland.

The state of
Connaught
and
Tyrconnell.

Of late wee have receaved letters from Sir Conyers Clifford sent hither to us by Sir Calisthenes Brooke, who also had a memoriall delivered to him by the said Sir Conyers Clifford, and therewith brought us a copie of a letter written to you, the Lord Lieutenant and Counsell, dated the 24 of Aprill, as our letter also was, whereof as yeat wee never heard aunswere from your Lordships. And for that by his letter to us and by the copie written to you wee finde a declaracion of diverse thinges of good importaunce concerning the state of Connaght, which wee find by his report to be ridd of all open rebellion, and namelie of the haynous traitour McWilliam, and heerewith wee finde his report of the receaving of O'Rworke's submission and of Tibott ne Lon̄ge's good service and demaundes. And wee find by Sir Coniers Clifford an earnest disposicion to do somme service against O'Donnell in having an intent to remoove (*sic*) Balishannon, and besides that he pretendeth to have the aide of sondrie cheifetaines in Tیرهconnell that are tiranized with O'Donnell to joyne with him and such of the countrie of Connaght as he hopeth to carrie with him into Tیرهconnell by the favour of O'Rworke and Tibott ne Long and their parties, and therewith to ruine O'Donnell as he hopeth. And to this purpose he requireth onlie the service of xij companies of foote and 120 horse to be contynued with their lendings and apparell, and this number he requireth to be taken out of the 23 companies of foote which heeretofore have bin assigned for that Province. He hath also wrought, as he saith, a strong faction in Tیرهconnell against O'Donnell by the meanes of O'Rwork and this force of 1,200. foote and 120 horse he pretendeth to have but for 3 monethes. And if he shall recover Ballishannon, then he will abate 6 of those companies of foote and keepe but 3 companies with 40 horse to lie at Balishanon and two companies and 20 horse at Bellile, and the other hundred foote to attend upon himself in the Province.

These kynd of overtures are by him made by his letters, but how the same may be effected or what successe they may

have we cannot directlie judge, but considering his confident offer of his service and the sight of O'Rworke's submission and his pledges given wee cannot but wish that he be not heerein deceived by any treacherie or falsehood or by mistaking of O'Donnele's hatred borne unto him by his owne countryfolkes and kindred, and therefore do let your Lordship understand that her Majestie beinge acquainted with this offer hath thought it not good to refuse it, but except there shall appeare to your Lordship, the Lord Lieutenante, uppon further conference or further intelligence to be had from Sir Conyers Clifford of cause to the contrarie, her Majestie is contented to yeald to his request for this charge. And so wee leave it unto your Lordship how to direct the said numbers to serve this purpose, whome wee wish to be duly paid their lendings and other allowaunces during their service, wishing that uppon this faction stirred up in Tirconnell against O'Donnell some like faction might be stirred up in Tirone by such as wee perceave partlie by your letters he hath greivously pursued, amongst which you do note Sir Arthur O'Neale, Tirlaugh McHenry, Huor Ro McCooly, Sir John O'Doharty and Con O'Donnelle's sonnes, to which may be added his attemptes against Maguire, McMahoon and such others as did submitt themselves to her Majestie, the successe whereof to be taken in hand wee leave to your Lordship as cause shalbe given, &c.

The state of
Connaught
and
Tyrconnell.

Whereas it is before signified in the letter that you should receave heerewith a schedule expressing the numbers and by whome they are to be conducted to the sea side, you shall understand that for somme particularities not sufficientlie resolved concerning the manner of sending awaie and the conduccion of them the schedule is not so sent as was intended, but the men shalbe sent from hence with as much speed as possibly they can be dispatched. In the meane while if you, the Lord Lieutenaunt, can certifie us where it were meetest for them to arive, whether all together

*This *post-script* was added in the botomme of the letter after the Lordes' handes.

* Original marginal note.

at Dublin or in diverse portes, and what number and porcion you would have sent to the severall portes, and likewise concerning the victuall, whether it shall arive at one or at diverse portes and what portes, wee shalbe gladd to understand of it. Howbeit our meaning is not to make delay of sending the men and victuall in expectacion of your aunswere, but if it come in good tyme it may moove us to give direccion accordingly.

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Signed and dated as the letter going before to the
Lordes Justices, &c.

*In this letter to Sir Coniers Clifford were enclosed the letter to O'Reworke, the copy of the letter to O'Reworke, the open warrant or letter to himself, the articles of O'Reworke inclosed in the letter directed to himself.

A letter to Sir Coniers Clifford. Wee have receaved your letter dated at Athloane the xxiiijth of Aprill, brought hither by Sir Calisthenes Brooke, whome also wee have hearde to make report of such a memoriall as you gave unto him to present unto us. By your letter you do informe us howe you have regained all the inhabitantes of that Province of Connaght into her Majesty's obedience, and what you conceive fitt to be taken for the continuing of those people in their obedience and to constraine the prowdest of these Northern rebelles in shorte tyme to submitt themselves, and according to her Majesty's pleasure of late sent unto you you have concluded with O'Reworke and to passe unto him his landes, yelding both a rente for that countrie and a risinge out for her Majesty's honour and service, which accord appeareth by a submission and articles subscribed by him and sent unto us, for which he hath delivered three principall gentlemen for pledges, and for prooffe of his loyalty he hath delivered unto you two letters of the King of Spayne and one from a Bishoppe to comforte him in his rebellion, which he now detesteth. It appeareth also that you have drawen McDermoc and O'Connor Donne from O'Donnell, who for revenge thereof hath hanged somme of their pledges, whereby you write that both they and other principall gentlemen of the Province of Tیرهonnell are desirous to serve against O'Donnell.

* Original marginal note.

Towching the manner howe you have regained that Province you do declare that McWilliam is banished and that you have recovered all the castles which he had in the county of Mayo and freed also all his pledges, and herein you have used the speciall service of Tibott ne Longe, who since his submission to the Queene hath drawen much bloode with his owne handes, whome you do commend greatly for his faithfulness and loyalty. It appeareth also by your writinge that one Shane McManus Og O'Donnell, nephewe to O'Donnell, hath bin with you and made his submission, but by mischance. uppon his returne into Tیرهconnell he hath bin hardly used by O'Donnell, being forced to live as a banished man untill he maie be relieved by you.

The state of
Connaught
and
Tیرهconnell.

All these your reportes of your good service in that Province are here made knowne to her Majestie and by her very well accepted, but after that you have imparted these particular accidentes you do enter into a conceipt howe you might be hable by wyning of Ballishanon and invadinge of O'Donnell with the helpe and freendshipe of O'Reworke and other the chieftaines of Connaght and somme also in Tیرهconnell that do hate O'Donnell, to ruin him, to which purpose you seem to require besides the aide of the people of Connaght and somme faction in Tیرهconnell to have onely 1,200 soldiers foote and 100 horse, to be taken out of the 2,300 which have bin appointed for the service of that Province, and with these forces to take such tyme as you should see fitt, meaning to continew this charge but for three monethes, saveinge if you shall gaine Ballishanon you will retaine but halfe these companies.

This offer of yours hath bin imparted to her Majestie and hath bin by her and us considered, that if it might take such successe as you pretende it were very good and honorable to be embraced. But howe you maie in this your conceipt be abused by the Irishe or that you maie mistake the matters wee cannot directly deliver any certainty of our opinion, but considering you do so confidently offer this service, and that if it were neglected you might hereafter avowe this overture of your service, and therefore remitting

O'Rorke's
submission
and demands.

the burthen thereof to your owne judgement her Majestie is contented to yeald to the charge demaunded, and so hath condicionallie advertised her Lieutenaunt with this caucion, that if he shall not upon due conference finde cause to the contrarie he shall allow to you the numbers by you required for the tymes expressed.

And for your requestes to have the demaundes of O'Rwork aunswered and himself satisfied by letters in her Majesty's name to contynue him in his obedience, you shall receave heereinlosed such letters from us to be delivered to him as you shall see cause, wherewith he ought to be well satisfied, and yet they do conteyne no other matter whereof he can make any advantage, whatsoever he should proove heereafter. And in like sort you shall receave general letters from us to be imparted by you to the cheiftaines and principall men of Connaght that have submitted themselves, not doubting but upon full pacificacion of that Province you will have care not onlie for the peaceable government thereof but for the recoverie of the duties heeretofore reserved to her Majestie in lieu of composicion, whereof how much you have alreadie recovered or how much is aunswered therefore wee would be glad to understand, for otherwise without recovery of the rentes and composicions her Majestie shall paie very dearelie for contynuaunce of it in peace. Wee have also seen and perused diverse petitions exhibited by O'Rwork and apostilled by you before his absolute submission, wherein as wee allow well of your proceedinges there, so do we thinck it fitt that a moderacion be used in graunting such thinges presentlie as are fitt, and uppon his good behaviour and further experience of him you may give him hope of contynuaunce and encrease. And therefore wee have sent you heerewith such aunsweres as her Majestie liketh to have made to him and have passed over the other thinges with silence, leaving them to be ordered by your discrecion.

A post script. Wee have sent unto the Lordes Justices and to the Lord Lieutenant and the rest of the Counsell

a note of the demands of O'Rwork and of the answers in the selfe same forme as this which wee have enclosed to you, and have signified her Majesty's allowaunce of the same, which they are required to make good and confirme there, unlesse there shall be apparant and notable case to the contrarie.

These 2 letters following were signed and dated as the p. 274. former letters of this dispatch for Ireland.

An open letter directed to Sir Coniers Clifford, knight, her Majesty's Chiefe Comissioner of the Province of Connaght, to be communicated by him to such persons unto whome it maie appertaine. Whereas by your letters of late sent unto us wee have bin advertised of the good effect that your service to her Majestie hath taken in that Province of Connaght, especially in reducinge to her Majesty's obedience and allegeance all the chiefe persons and principall men of that Province of Connaght, whereby not only a settled peace and quietnes is like there to ensue but you do also conceive good hope to repress that trayterous neighbour O'Donnell, and so to weaken the chiefe rebell and traytour, Tyrone himself, you shall understand that as your good service having bin made knownen by us is well pleasing and very acceptable unto her Majestie, so her gracious disposicion, which is alwaies enclined and bent rather to excercise mercy then to execute the severity of justice amonge her subjectes, receaveth good contentement by the submission of those whome you have certefied to be returned to their dutyfull obedience, and is graciously resolved to graunt them free pardon of their disloyalty for the tyme past and to holde them from henceforthe in place and accompte of good subjectes, uppon hope that they will not only continew in their duty and allegeance but also do their endevoures by their good service against those that persiste in rebellion to make somme amendes for their former offence. Whereof her Majesty's pleasure is that wee shall give you notice, and that you shall assure and avowe the same unto those

The letter
for the
Chieftains.

persons in that county of Connaght or else where, of whose dutyfull submission you have certified us, letting them understand that as her most gracious Majestie doth meereleie of her owne clemencye deale so mercifully with them, and is like enough to shewe the like mercie unto others that shall not overlonge prouve her patience but voluntarily returne to obedience, so she will not faile very severely and without remission to punishe those that shall by longer abusinge her clemencye sharpen her displeasure and constraine her to alter her naturall disposicion from mercye to the execucion of justice. And so, &c.

The answer
to O'Rorke's
demands.

A letter to the Lordes Justices, Lord Lieutenant and the rest of the Counsell of Ireland. Whereas Sir Conyers Clifford together with his last letters dated the 26 of Aprill did sende unto us certaine articles and demaundes of O'Rworke, which the said O'Rworke desired to be graunted unto him before he did make his full submission and put himself into obedience, that he might have the better hope of her Majesty's gracious pardon and acceptaunce of his return to his dutiful alleageance, unto the which demaundes Sir Coniers Clifford made severall aunswers breiefelie and sent them unto us postilled in the margin of the articles, desiring us moreover to make her Majestie acquainted with the said articles and with his owne proceedinges and to procure her Majesty's farther aunswers unto them. Wee do heereby advertise you that wee have given notice of the premisses unto her Majestie, and that her Majestie with good approbation of the service of Sir Coniers Clifford, and in hope that the example of her grace and mercie extended to O'Rwork shall draw others to a remembraunce of their dutie and to a voluntarie submission, is pleased to signifie and make knownen her allowaunce of the said demaundes and articles of O'Rworke according to the aunsweres postilled and sent now heereinlosed, which her Majestie requireth you to confirme and make good unto him, unlesse you shall know any especiall and very weightie cause to the contrarie. So wee bidd, &c.

28 May.

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This letter also signed and dated as the other letters before going of this dispatch.

A letter to Brian O'Reworke, Chieftaine of Letrym in the Province of Connaght. We comend us hartely unto you, letting you to knowe that Sir Coniers Clifford, knight, her Majesty's Chiefe Comissioner in the Province of Connaght, hath by his letters and spetiall message advertised the Queene's most excellent Majestie of your late most penitent acknowledging of your former offences, and therewith professing and protesting to remaine a loyall and faithfull subject to her Majestie and to oppose your self with all your power against any rebell, and namely against O'Donnell, a professed rebell and ennemy of that State of Connaght, and for perfourmance of this your promise, besides your humble submission made in publicque, you have delivered three gentlemen to be your pledges. Uppon which reporte made by the said Sir Coniers Clifford in very favourable sorte, as one so fully satisfied and perswaded of your sincerity as he is become an earnest suitour for you, her Majestie hath thought it very expedient to give you knowledg that shee is pleased graciously to accept this your returne to your duty, and hath expreslie commaunded us of her Counsell by these our letters in her name to give you knowledg of this her Majesty's allowance of your repentance and receaving of you into her mercy. Whereof wee also, as her Counsellors of Estate, do looke to see you so fully bent to continew your duty to your Sovereigne Lady and countrey, and thereby to further quietnes within your countrey, whereby it maie recover the losses and ruin that by the late unnaturall rebellion the same hath suffered, which thinge her Majestie of her especiall grace to her subjectes principally respecteth, and therefore wee finde by Sir Coniers Clifford that no one person within that Province is more hable nor is nowe more willing then you to procure a full restitution and setling of that countrey in such obedience as it was in before this late rebellion.

The letter to
O'Rorke.

And wee doubt not but that this experience which you have had in the tyme of your offences of the malicious purposes of the Spaniardes under cullour of givinge you aide to conquer the lande to themselves and to plante the same with Spaniardes, as they do in all countries where they seeke to have rule, will induce you and keepe you still in memory in no wise to give eare to their enchantements (whose intencion hath appeared by the speciall letters of the King of Spaine lately directed to you, which you have dutyfully delivered to Sir Coniers Clifford as a manifest proove of your renouncing of the said Spanishe false perswasions), but to returne to your obedience unto her Majestie, your naturall Lady, who doth never seeke or desire any thinge more then that her people maie live peaceably and enjoye their liveloodes (*sic*) for maintenance of their posterity. And so in the name of God wee advise you dutyfully to perswade your self that this significacion of her Majesty's grace extended towards you is grounded of her naturall care that she hath ever to preserve her subjectes in peace, and to defende them against all ennemyes and rebelles whilst they shall live in duty and obedience, and for their good service ready to rewarde all such from tyme to tyme as shalbe worthy.

Wee have seene certaine petitions delivered by you in writinge to Sir Coniers Clifford, to the which wee finde he made you in writinge severall answeres at that tyme, of the which he had referred divers to be obtayned here of her Majesty with desire that the same maie so be graunted, whereunto her Majesty hath yelded. To some other thinges he hath answered by his owne authority and hath assented, wherewith wee do agree. And so, &c.

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Signed and dated as the former.

Letters to
Lord Delvin
and Lord
Kildare.

A letter to the Lord of Delvin. Though it be not any new and unexpected matter unto her Majestie to heare of your Lordship's good desert and of your forwardnes to do her service, which hath alwaies appeared in your actions against

the rebelles of that realme, nevertheles it is very well pleasing unto her Majestie to finde occasion from tyme to tyme to renew her remembrance of your good services and to give you thankes for the same, whereof her Majestie as in tymes past so of late having receaved particular notice by us doth make us againe by these our letters reporters unto your Lordship of her gracious acceptance. Which message wee do willingly deliver, because wee doubt not but every signification of her Majesty's good favoure towards you shalbe very wellcomme, and that you maie knowe both what contentement you do give her Majestie and howe much you do advantage your selfe in your honour and reputacion by your good service, to the continuance whereof wee neede not to exhorte you. And so, &c.

The like letter in effect to the Earle of Kildare.

28 *Maij.*

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the High Sheriff of the countie of Norfolk, Sir Arthur Henningham, Sir Edward Clere, Sir Robert Southwell, Sir John Peyton, Sir Christopher Heydon, knightes, and Nathaniell Bacon, esquire, Commissioners for takinge the musters in the said countie. Whereas by her Majesty's comission graunted to us under the Great Seale of England, bearing date the second daie of December in the 39 yeare of her reigne (renewing a former comission of like effect), authoritie was given and so remayneth unto us during the said comission in such shires as had not at the tyme of the comission or for the present have not any Lieutenauntes appointed by her Majestie to authorize, nomynate and appoint certaine speciall gentlemen, together with the Sheriffes for the tyme being in the severall counties, to take the generall musters

The musters
in Norfolk.

* Sir Christopher Heydon in Commission for the Musters.

and to see the soldiers armed and trayned, and all provisions of warlike service made and defects supplied at such tymes as the service of her Majestie should require, according to which comission wee made choise of you, the now Commissioners, for performaunce of that service within the countie of Norfolk. Forasmuch as for the furtheraunce of these services it is thought meete that Sir Christopher Heydon, knight, being a man of good experience in martiall affaires, should be joyned with you in that comission, these shalbe to require you, the Sheriff for the tyme being and the rest of the Comissioners for taking the musters in that countie of Norfolk, to admitt the said Sir Christopher Heydon, knight, to joyne with you in the perfourmance and execucion of her Majesty's service aforesaid, and do by vertue of the same her Majesty's comission authorize by these our letters you, Sir Christopher Heydon, knight, to undertake the charge of the said service with the rest of the Comissioners as occasion shalbe given heereafter, requiring you, the former Comissioners, to communicate the directions and instructions that have bin given you from us heeretofore in that behalf and to make knownen unto him how you have proceded therein, and you, Sir Christopher Heydon, knight, upon knowledg of these thinges receaved, not to faile of your dutie in the service to be donne by you. And so, &c.

4 Junij, 1598.

Appearance before the Council.

This daie George Ognell of Bilsley in the countie of Warwick, gentleman, hath tendered his apparaunce to be recorded in this Register of Counsell, notwithstanding he holdeth himself discharged of the same or for any attendaunce by him to be given concerning the cause bettween him and one John Ferrers and others in regard the Lord Cheif Justice of England, the Lord Cheif Baron and Mr. Dr. Cæsar, one of the Masters of Requestes, have delivered their censures for the full ending of that

* Original marginal note.

controversie. But forasmuch as they have omitted and not sett downe the said order for an end of the cause under their handes according as is specified in his bond, he hath therefore for his better securitie and indempnitie desired that his apparaunce may be heere entered, as is above mencioned.

Whi[t]son Monday. At the Court at Greenwich, p. 277.
the 5 of June, 1598.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir John Fortescue.

5 June, 1598.

*Lord Archbishop.	Lord Admyrall.
Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.

An open warrant with generall direccion to all her Majesty's publike officers. Whereas Nicholas Oseley of the cittie of London, merchaunt, and others have complayned and made sufficient prooffe in the Court of Admiraltie of a notable spoile and piracie committed on a shipp named the Unicorn of Dansk that was latelie employd for the traunsportacion of certaine Spanish and Portugall captives, who by her Majesty's order were appointed to be sent out of this realme unto Lisboane by the said Oseley, and in lieu of them such English prisoners as were there remayning to be brought from thence, which shipp in her course thitherwardes was sett upon and rifeled of sondry parcelles of goodes and merchaundizes of good valew belonging to the said Oseley and his co-parteners by Jasper Norris, captain, John Norris, lieutenant, Silvester Townehill and other their

Bristol
pirates.

* These names, which in the case of several successive entries are given in the margin of the MS., are probably those of the Councillors who signed the letters.

complices that served in a shipp called the Flying Dragon of Bristoll, sett foorth to the seas by William Walton, owner of the same, and the said goodes by them brought to somme place on the coast of the countie of Sommersett or elles where within this realme, where they have disposed thereof at their willes, to the great damage and prejudice of the proprietaries. Whereupon commission is graunted out of the said Court of Admiraltie as well for the apprehencion of the said William Walton, Jasper Norreys, John Norris, Silvester Townhill and all others that shalbe found culpable in the aforesaid spoile, as also for the arresting and sequestering the said shipp called the Flying Dragon, with her apparell and furniture whatsoever, and all such goodes so unlawfullie taken or any part thereof as shalbe found in her or in the custodie of any person or persons whatsoever as by the tenour of the comission more at larg appeareth. These shalbe therefore straightlie to charge and comaund you and everye of you to whome it may appertaine to be ayding and assisting unto the said Nicholas Oseley and unto Hugh Price, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, &c.

5 June.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Earl of Essex.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

An Embassy
to Denmark.

A letter to the Lord Zowch. Wee have thought it not amisse to take the oportunitie of your Ambassage into Denmark for redresse of a great wronge supposed to be donne by somme officers of the Kinge of Denmarke to certaine of her Majesty's subjectes dwelling in Harwich and trading to Island for fishe, namely, John Hanken, Henry Hanken and John Allet, by whose petition heere-inclosed and by themselves also (if it shalbe needefull) you

may be more particularly informed of their complaint. But the effect is that they were spoiled of their shippes and goodes, so as they make computacion of their losse to the value of 5,235^{li.}, and therefore wee do pray your Lordship, as you shall see fitt time and occasion at your being in Denmark, to moove the King for somme good order to be taken for redresse of the wrong and satisfaccion to the complaynants. More wee shall not neede to write, because Mr. Dr. Parkins is so well acquainted with this matter as he can perfectlie informe your Lordship thereof. So wee bidd, &c.

A letter to Mr. Attourney Generall, Mr. Sollicitour and Mr. Francis Bacon. Whereas there is controversie made of the wardship of one Daniell in the Isle of Jerzey, sonne to John Dumaresque, wherein Sir Anthony Paulett, knight, Captaine of the said Isle, on the one part, alleadgeth her Majesty's interest unto the wardshipp, and the father of Daniell, on the other part, contendeth that there is no such wardshipp to be claymed, which doubt and question hath arisen by meanes that the land for the which the wardshipp is claymed came to the said Daniell by the right of his mother, deceassed, and is supposed to be holden of her Majestie in cheefe, as also there is question towching the right that Dumaresque pretendeth to have to the Signorie of Saumaris, whereunto the Captaine on her Majesty's behalf doth also make clayme. Forasmuch as John Dumaresque having bin sent for by our warrant and comaundement out of the Isle to make tryall of those matters heere hath p. 278. accordinglie repaired hither, wee have thought meete (the Captaine of the said Isle being also heere present) to referr the matter unto your examynacion, praying you to take knowledg of such proofes and evidences as shalbe produced on either part by the Captaine and by the said John Dumaresque (whome wee have comaunded to attend you) concerning the wardshipp and the title of the Signorie, and heereof to certifie your opynion unto us. So wee bidd you, &c.

* This letter
was after-
wards stayed

* Original marginal note.

5 June, 1598.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Earl Mareshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Mr. Secretary.	

The naviga-
tion of the
Severn at
Gloucester.

A letter to the Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen of the cittie of Gloucester. Having receaved of late a petition exhibited unto us in the behalf of the trowmen trading on the river of Severne and the brewers of Bristoll, whereby complaint is made against you, the Maiour of Gloucester, for barring and chayning the river of Severne so as such releefe and provision of malte and other graine which had heeretofore usuallie bin conveyed by that river can now have no passage, though uppon perusall of the petition it seemed unto us at the first a verie inconvenient course taken by you, yet before we would give comaundment to the contrarie wee thought it not amisse to refer the matter to the Justices of Assize for that countie of Gloucester, to be examyned and ordered by them as they should see cause to redresse the said complaint. Since which tyme, albeit the said Justices, having considered thereof, did finde the inconvenience of the said staying of the passage to be great and meete to be redressed, and the Lord Cheefe Baron hath certified so much unto us under his hand, and although the said Justices (as the petitioners do informe us) required you, the Maiour, at the last Assizes to free the passage as heeretofore it hath bin, nevertheles wee finde that you have not perfourmed the same, but do still keepe the river chayned and barred, which neglect of the order of the Justices (if the petitioners' informacion be true) wee cannot but very much dislike. And therefore wee do require you fourthwith uppon receipt of this our letter to cause the passage to be made open againe and so to contynew heereafter without lett or interrupcion unto the trowmen or other passingers that are

accustomed to have ordinarie and lawfull trade that waie. Whereof you may not faile, as you will avoyd further blame for your default therein. And so, &c.

5 June.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Comptroler.

A letter to the Earle of Bath. Whereas humble suite hath bin made unto us in the behalf of the inhabitantes of the towne of Plymmouth that they may be freed of a burthen and charge which hath bin required of them by your Lordship or by your Deputie Lieutenantes, whereby they have bin appointed to lodge two companies of the garrison soldiers in the towne free [of] cost and at the charge of the towne, and to allow firewood from tyme to tyme to the guard and company of those that watch in the fort, which charge the said inhabitantes have hitherto of their good will sustayned, but do finde it to[o] great and burthensome to be borne by them any longer or to be of necessitie imposed on them. Forasmuch as this charge hath bin occasion of somme variaunce and disagreement betwixt the comaunder of the fort and the towne, and the same appeareth to be greater and to arise to a higher reckoning then it was supposed to be, wee have thought it very meete that the said charge of lodging and firewood shalbe from hencefoorth forborne and required no more of the inhabitantes of the same towne, praying and requiring your Lordship to give order accordingly that the same may be no more required of them untill farther order be given from hence in that behalf, whereof if it shall appeare unto us that there is a just and necessarie demaund, your Lordship shall, uppon notice thereof given by us unto her Majestie, receave such order as shalbe agreable to her pleasure. And so wee bidd your Lordship, &c.

The townsmen and the garrison of Plymouth.

Ultimo die Maij.

Signed as the letter above said, adding thereto
Lord Archbishop and
Mr. Secretary.

Provision for
a crippled
soldier.

A letter to the Justices and Treasurers for maymed soldiers in the county of Northampton requiring them to see Robert Skynner, a poore maymed soldier (of whose hurtes and maymes they had seen good certeficate), provided of such a yearly stipende for his releefe and maintenance as by the statute is ordeyned for a soldier of his sorte and quallity, he being borne in that countie.

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5 June.

Signed by all the Lordes that sate, except my Lord Admirall.

The escort of
the Warden
of the Middle
Marches.

A letter to the Lord Willoughby, Governour of Barwicke. Whereas it hath pleased her Majestie to graunte unto Sir Robert Cary, knight, Lord Warden of the Middle Marches towards Scotland, a company of forty horse in entertaynment for the garde of himself and for the better defence and safety of the countrey under his gouvernement, which entertaynment is to begin uppon the view and muster of the said forty horse taken and certefied up hither, which are to be raysted and furnished by the said Lord Warden. Wee do therefore praie your Lordship to give order and appoint that when Sir Robert Cary shall give notice of his readynes to present the number of horses above mencioned, there maie be present at the tyme and place to be agreed on and assigned for the takinge of the view and muster Sir William Bowes, knight, Treasurer of Barwick, William Selby, Gentleman Porter of that towne, and Richard Musgrave, Master of the Ordinance, or any two of them, to th'ende that uppon their certeficate of the muster (which wee praie your Lordship to cause them to send unto us) of the said number of 40 sufficient and serviceable horses furnished the allowance and paye of entertaynment to Sir Robert Cary maie be made. So wee bidd your Lordship, &c.

5 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Comissioners of Sewers. Whereas it pleased the Queene's Majestie by her Highnes' letters pattentes under the Great Seale of England, bearing date the second daie of Julie in the 26 yeare of her Highnes' reigne, to incorporate a Company as Governours, Assistantes and Societie of the Minerall Batterie Woorkes, endowing them with many priviledges and prerogatives fitting a matter of so great and publique a benefitt to the whole realme, as by the said letters pattentes more at large appeareth, which Company have according to their priviledg made a lease (as wee are informed) to Abraham Van Herwick, a Dutch merchaunt, and others, who intending to sett forwardes the said workes, to the releif of many her Majesty's poore subjectes that might be employd therein, have at their great costes and charges erected certaine water workes at Rederife neere London, whereunto some watercourse must be had and used passing thorough and uppon certaine groundes and landes lying neere unto the said woorkes. Forasmuch as the owners of the same groundes or somme of them having bin earnestlie dealt withall for their allowaunce of the said watercourse do shew themselves unwilling and refuse to yeald thereunto, notwithstanding that the same may be made and conveyed (as the said Abraham Van Herwick doth affirme) without any annoyaunce or inconvenience unto them, and he together with the rest wilbe readie to make any good condicions of recompence unto the said owners if it shall appeare and be thought that they or any of them shall suffer any losse thereby, wee therefore considering both the publique benefitt that may comme by these workes and the great damage and

Waterworks
at Redriff.

* This letter
was directed
to Mr. Dr.
Cæsar,
Sir Richard
Martin,
Alderman
Garrett,
Edward
Bowier,
Bartholomew
Scott, †—
Chapman,
John Bowier,
esquires,
Commis-
sioners of
Sewers, and
to Frauncis
Bartie, senior,
†—
Tollerbie,
†— Payne,
gentlemen,
or to any 6, 5
or 4 of them.

* Original marginal note.

† Blank in the MS.

hinderance that the said Van Herwick with his parteners should sustaine if they should be debarred of the watercourse, have thought meete to referr the examynacion of this matter and the ordering of it (so farr foorth as you may lawfullie proceede) unto you to whome this our letter is directed, or to any of you, praying and requiring you when you shalbe sufficientlie informed of the manner of the said watercourse, either by veiwe of the places themselves or otherwise, to call before you the owners of the said groundes or the fermours and possessours (as you shall see cause), together with Van Herwick and his parteners, and to do your best endeavours for some order betwixt them that the workes may be supplied with the said watercourse with as little inconvenience as may be to the owners of the landes, and that the said owners and possessours may be satisfied as in conscience and equitie shalbe found meete, according to the proviso in her Majesty's letters pattentes specified in that behalf. And if any of them shalbe found obstinate and not conformable to good order, then wee require you to certifie us in whome the default is, that thereupon wee may take such further order heerein as shalbe expedient. And so, &c.

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7 June, 1598.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

The David
and her prize.

Whereas in the cause of late depending before us between Virgilio Corbezzi and Frauncisco Betti, Italian merchaunts, complaynants, against Edward Parvis, Thomas Offeley, Henry Tymberley and Francis Cherry, defendants, it was by us (amongst other thinges) finally ordered and decreed that the goodes and merchaundizes of the said Thomas Offeley and Edward Parvis, now remayning under

arrest, should be presentelie sold for the payment of eight hundred and three poundes, fower shillings, imposed upon them for average and for the payment of so much of the freight due for the carriage of the said goodes and other merchaundizes already by an order delivered unto them as amounteth to the summe of 596^{li.} 16^{s.}. Forasmuch as the said Thomas Offeley and Edward Parvis have so discredited the said goodes and merchaundizes so arrested that none will buy them, and he, the said Offeley, hath chosen rather to remaine in prison then to performe our order in that behalf, and the said Parvis cannot be found, to the ende therefore that the said poore plaintiffes may not be occasioned to complaine any farther, nor any others encouraged by the contempt of the said defendauntes to refuse the perfourmance of our like orders heereafter, wee do finallie order and decree that the said goodes of the said Thomas Offeley and Edward Parvis, now under arrest, shalbe foorthwith valued and prized by fower indifferent merchauntes, two straingers and two English, skilfull in those commodities, to be named and sworne by the Judge of the Admiraltie, according to such rate as the same may be solde presently for ready money, and then the said goodes to be delivered to the said complainantes in full satisfaccion of so much money as the said value of the said goodes shall amount unto towardes the performance of our former order. After which appreysement so made wee require William Pope, Deputie Marshal of the Admiraltie Court, to deliver the said goodes accordingly to the said plaintiffes, and this our decree shalbe unto him a sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

Dated the last of May.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to John Perin, Hillary Dumaresque, John de Carterett, Phillipp Journeaulx, Peter Carey, John de Vic, Thomas Legert *alias* Mailler, or to any 5, 4 or 3 of them, A Jersey case.

A Jersey case. whereof 2 to be of the Jurates. Whereas an humble petition hath bin exhibited unto us in the behalf of James le Fort *alias* Brumbault, resident in the Isle of Jerzey, wherein he complayneth that certaine persons of the said Island have both threatened and attempted to assault him, to the perrill of his life and to the manifest breach of her Majesty's peace, and nevertheles no order taken for his securitie in that behalf by those that ought to see reformation thereof in that place, which negligence (as it seemeth) proceedeth by the default of some of the Justices there, unto whome the said Le Fort taketh excepcion as men having not bin indifferent towardses him in somme other matters. Wee have therefore thought good to commende the consideracion of his complaint unto you (whome wee hold to be voyd of partialitie to either part), praying and requiring you to call before you such persons as he shall nomynate unto you to have offered him the wronge and violence before mencioned, and if you finde cause (either upon his oathe taken or other just proove that he standeth in daunger of his life), that then you take good bondes of the offendours for the keeping of the peace according to her Majesty's lawes, or for their apparaunce before us if their obstinacie shall give occasion.

Furthermore uppon his humble suite wee have bin mooved to recommend unto you the dewe examynacion of the wronges supposed to be offered unto him and his daughter by William Collin or any others that are or have bin partakers with him in that cause, either in matter civile or ecclesiasticall, according to our letters of the 26 September and such other letters as wee have formerlie written concerning that matter, and withall to take order that the Sheriffes and Clarke of the Court may deliver unto the said Brumbault a trew copie of all the actes and proceedinges that either heeretofore have passed or heereafter shall passe in the said cause, or uppon their refusalles so to do, to enjoyne them to appeare before us to shew reason that mooveth them thereunto. And so not doubting but you will have that regard heerein as appertayneth, wee bidd, &c.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Northe.

Mr. Secretary.

An open warrant with publique direccion to all her Majesty's publique officers. Whereas Jacob Featon of Kempercoriton in Brittanie, merchant, hath as well for himself as on the part, and behalf of William Dewrant, master of a shipp named the Jenett of Kempercoriton aforesaid, complayned and made sufficient prooffe in the Court of the Admiraltie of a notable spoile and piracie committed on the said shipp and her loding of Gascoigne wynes by captain Watson, Frauncis Wattes and their complices, which shipp and goodes they tooke by force and violence and carried awaie to Kinsale in Ireland, or to some other port within her Majesty's domynions, where they have disposed thereof at their willes, to the great predjudice and dammage of the proprietaries. Whereuppon comission is graunted out of the said Court of Admiraltie for the apprehencion of the said Watson, Wattes and the rest of the offendours, that they may be aunswerable in course of law for the spoile committed by them, and also for arresting and sequestering the ship wherewith the said spoile was committed, and also that the owner or owners of the same, adventurers, and all and every person and persons that have bought, receaved or otherwise do unjustlie detaine the said shipp named the Jenet and the wynes in her taken, or any part or parcell thereof, may make restitution and satisfaccion unto the said Jacobb Featon or the bearer heereof authorized by him, or upon their refusall so to do, that they may be foorth comminge to answeere the same, in such sort as by the said comission more at large appeareth. These shalbe therefore, &c.

English
pirates.

8 June.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Marshall.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Cruisers for
the Irish Sea.

A letter to the Earle of Ormond. Whereas it hath bin thought needefull by your Lordship and the rest of the Counsell there to have somme smale vesselles sent from hence to serve on the Irish Coast between Ireland and Scotland for the hinderaunce of such succour either of men, victualles or any other provisions wherewith the rebelles may be supplied out of Scotland, your Lordship shall understand that her Majestie hath now caused to be sent thither two of her pynnaces, namelie the Spie and the Martin, to be joyned with that pynnace that is there already in captain Thornton's charge, and together with them two smale barques laden with victualles. How these pynnaces may best be disposed of to do service your Lordship may better direct there then wee can heere, and therefore wee pray your Lordship to give order and direccion for the particular manner of their employment and service, and to cause the two barques to be sent backe with as much speede as may be for the ease of her Majesty's charge. It is thought most convenient by us that captain Thornton shall have the cheefe charge as admyrall of the shipping that serveth there and captain Moyle the second as vice-admyrall, whereof wee give your Lordship notice, that you may approve the same. And so, &c.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Treasuror.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Marshall.

Lord North.

Mr. Secretary.

A charge of
parricide
in Wales.

A letter to the Justices of Assize of the countie of Radnor. Wee have bin informed heeretofore of a matter

that is to comme to tryall before you at the Assizes in the countie of Radnor concerning two persons that are called into question for a most heynous offence, even the poysoning of their owne father, the names of which persons are Hugh Ap James and Thomas Bull. And at the same tyme informacion was likewise given us that this accusacion did proceede from malice and evill will of certaine persons against the said James and Bull, and that the same is followed and mainteyned by the healp and favour of such and so great freendes of one William ap James, that is the accuser, as the parties accused are not like to come to an indifferent tryall. Heereuppon wee wrote our letters unto you in March last, by the which wee required you to see justice donne in such an odious and heynous cryme if you should finde guiltines in the parties accused, so forasmuch as the matter concerneth their lives wee desired you to have care that no wronge should be donne them by any malicious and indirect prosecucion of the accusacion against them, and that if you should finde any such course and practize taken or meanes used to hinder the indifferency of tryall you should take order to remoove the tryall of the cause to the Assizes in the next English countie, according to the statute in that behalf provided. Which dirrecion and order formerlie given by us wee do contynew by these our letters unto you, the rather because wee are againe informed by another petition exhibited unto us in the behalf of the parties accused that earnest labour and endeavour is used to hold the tryall at the Assizes in that countie of Radnor and that meanes have bin procured to you for the same, which sollicitacion, though the cryme be most odious, wee do not approove. And therefore as wee doubt not but you will see justice done without favour or respect of any partie, and wee do earnestlie moove you thereunto, so we pray and require you if you shall see cause to doubt of indifferencie to referr the tryall to the next English countie, as wee mooved you by our former letters. So, &c.

A charge of
parricide
in Wales.

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10 June.

Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

Ships of the
League at
Limerick.

A letter to Sir Thomas Norreys, President of Munster. Whereas this poore man, John Bryard of the Isle of Guernzey, merchaunt, made complaint unto us in December last of a spoyle committed on a shipp of his named the Dove, laden with fish and oyle to the value of 2,000 markes, which was taken on the seas by a shipp of warr of the Isle of Arse belonging to Monsieur de la Hothiere de Vanes, whereof Monsieur Cassomere of Naunts was captaine and John Obin of Croswike master, and uppon dew prooffe of the said spoile in the Court of Admiraltie he obteyned comission out of that Court together with our letters of assistaunce (for satisfaccion of his losses) to arrest and sequester any shippes, goodes or debtes belonging to any rebelles and enemyes to the French Kinge wheresoever he should finde the same within her Majesty's domynions for the space of ten monethes following, as may more particulerly appeare unto you by the comission it self and our said letters, which he hath in readynes to shew unto you, and by his petition, which wee send you heereinlosed. Who having this comission and authoritie from us made his repaire with the same to Lymerick in Ireland, where he found two shippes, th'one of Croswike and th'other of Milford (as it was said), though wholié manned with men of Croswike and laden with Spanish iron. Whereupon he required the Maiour of Lymerick to yeald him his lawfull assistaunce for the arresting and sequestering the said shippes and goodes according to the tenour of the comission and our direccion, but the said Maiour neglecting to performe his dutie and office heerein (as appeareth unto us by good certificat, which wee have seen), suffered the shipp of Croswike to depart and neither arrested or sequestred the said shippes, goodes nor men,

notwithstanding that he had the said shippes in his power, being cheyned within the keye of the said port, and was oftentimes thereunto requested, wherein wee take it that he hath not only committed a contempt in refusing to execute the order of the commission and our warrant, but is supposed to have bin privy and consenting to the escape of the said shippes, whereby the poor suppliant is hindered from the oportunitie offered for recompence of his losses. Wee have bin therefore mooved to write these our letters unto you, praying and requiring you to call the said Maiour and the complaynant before you and dilligentlie to examyne all circumstances of this complaint, as well by deposicion of witnesses as by any other good and lawfull proofes which shalbe produced on either part, and if you finde the said Maiour faultie in such sort as is before expressed, wee then thinck it meete that you take order with him to make the poore man satisfaccion as in equitie and conscience you shall see cause, or uppon his refusall so to do, to take good bondes of him for his apparaunce before us at such tyme as you shall thinck convenient. And so, &c.

9 June.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Earl of Essex.

Lord North.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Roger Langford, Paymaster of her Majesty's Navie. Whereas Markes James (*sic*), Vice-Admyrall of the port of Portesmouth, hath disbursed the summe of 11^{li}. 14^s. 4^d. for the setting foorth of a smale barque or pynnace by direccion and order from us in October last, as may appeare unto you by a note of the same disbursement heereinlosed, wee have thought good that the same disbursement, being so smale a summe, shalbe repaid and satisfied by you unto the said Markes James or to the bearer heereof authorized by him for receipt of yt, and that you shall enter the said summe of xj^{li} xiiij^s. iiij^d. in your accomptes for the Narrow Seas, for which this shalbe your warrant.

Warrant for payment.

Lord Mareshall.

Lord Admirall.

Warrant for
an arrest.

A warraunt to John Sharpe, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber, to make his repaire to the dwelling howse of Thomas Piduc of London, or to any other place where he should have notice of his aboade or being, and to bring the said Piduc before their Lordships, &c.

The Commis-
sion of
Lieutenancy
for Radnor.

A letter to the Lord Keeper praying his Lordship that Sir Gellie Merick, knight, and James Price, esquire, may be added into the Comission of Lieutenancie for the countie of Radnor.

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At the Courte at Greenwich, the 7 of June, 1598.

The
difficulties
at Plymouth.

There was two of these written and signed by the Lordes hereunder named, the one delivered to those that followed the suite in the behalfe of the towne of Plymouth and the other to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Comander of the Forte.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Sir John Fortescu.

Orders sett downe and agreed on by the right honorable the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Counsaile betwixt the Maior and inhabitants of the towne of Plymouth and Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, Comander of the Forte.

Whereas heretofore at such tyme as Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, was appointed to have the garde and government of the Forte of Plymouth and the Isle of St. Nicholas neere adjoyning to the same it was thought meete uppon the humble suite of the Maiour of the

said towne for that tyme in the behalf of himself and the rest of the inhabitantes that certaine Articles then propounded by the said Maiour, which were supposed to be to good effect and purpose for the maintenance of the priviledges of the towne and of freendly agreement betwixt the inhabitantes of that towne and the Comander of the Forte, should be decreed and established, and were at that tyme sett downe and ratified by an Order bearing date the first of February in the yeare 1595, as appeareth by the said Order registred in the Counsell Booke. Forasmuch as the same hath not taken so good effect as was expected and desired, and divers matters of variance and disagreement have happened of late betwixt the said Comander of the Forte and the inhabitantes of the towne, whereuppon divers complaintes have bin exhibited unto us in the name of the Maiour and the rest of the inhabitantes against the Comander of the Forte and some others depending uppon him, as also on the other side the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, hath charged the Maiour and certaine others of the inhabitantes of that towne with somme offences and misdemeanors whereby he hath taken himself to be wronged by them. Wee having called before us the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges, together with such persons as exhibited the complaintes in the behalfe of the said towne, and having hearde the greevances and answers on both sides sufficiently debated, have thought good to renew the said former orders which were sett downe and made at the humble suite of the Maiour of the towne (in hope that the same shalbe better kept and regarded hereafter), and to adde unto them certaine other Articles presented unto us by Sir Ferdinando Gorges, to be likewise observed on the towne's parte towards the Comander of the Forte, and to give straight charge and comandement for the mutuall observacion thereof on both partes in such forme as followeth :—

The
difficulties
at Plymouth.

Firste, that Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, or the Comander of the Forte for the tyme being, shall not meddle within the

The
difficulties
at Plymouth.

said burroughe in matters of justice nor in the thinges that belonge to the Maiour for the tyme being and the Recorder by the graunte of her Majesty's noble progenitours.

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That he shall have nothing to do (except it be at the tyme of somme approche and landing of an ennemy) with the Castle which adjoyneth to the towne and is the towne's inheritance, wherein is kept the store and furniture of the towne and is a place that will preserve and defende the towne for three or fower dayes untill the countrey maie comme in to give aide, which benefite of the Castle the towne had in the tyme of Kinge Edward the Sixth.

That no inhabitant of the towne be by him comanded to watche out of the towne or for any other service towching the Forte or Island but in the tyme of present danger, and then the inhabitantes of the towne shall joyne with him to do their uttermost, which they professe to do.

That he, his Lieutenant and soldiers, and his and their servantes and retinew be restrained to goe aboarde to searche or intermeddle with any shippe or vessell that cometh or goeth in or out of the said harborough, unlesse it be for her Majesty's speciall service, and that he and they then first acquainte the Maiour of the said burroughe with the same, and to take one of the Maior's brethren and the Searchour of the porte with him in executing the same service, least the trade and harboroughe maie thereby comme into sclaunder and decaye.

And for such ordinance and munition presently planted in the said Forte and Isle, wherein the inhabitantes of the burroughe pretende interest as proprietaries, wee thinke it behoofull and expedient that the same be forthwith viewed and inventoried by somme indifferent persons, and so to remaine there for the better defence of the places till somme other in lieu thereof maie conveniently be sent thither, or somme farther order and direccion be given by us in that behalfe.

And as the Articles above written are sett downe and ordered in the behalfe of the towne, so do wee likewise require that the Articles which here ensue to (*sic*) be observed in the behalfe of the Comander of the Forte.

The
difficulties
at Plymouth.

That if any townesman give occasion of offence unto any soldier of the Forte, the Maiour and other officers of the towne shall take order for just and due satisfaccion unto the partie greeved.

. That the inhabitantes of the towne shalbe ready at all tymes upon the approche of any ennemye with such furniture as they are appointed to have to marche unto such place and to obey such direccions as they shall receave from the said Sir Ferdinando Gorges for the aide and defence of her Majesty's Forte, Island, towne and countrey neere adjoyning.

That upon the approche and landinge of any ennemy such wantes as cannot be provided sodainly but in the towne for her Majesty's service shalbe uppon demande yelded by the towne unto the Comander of the Forte, the said Comander acknowledging and delivering unto them under his hande writtinge a note of the particular receiptes.

That no forreyne prisoner or prisoners, being strangers, be brought into the towne, but that notice thereof be given to the Comander of the Forte, and that the Maiour and other officers of the towne shall take straight order for the safe custody of the said prisoners, so as they be not suffered to runn up and downe at their pleasure as heretofore they have donne, by meanes whereof many inconveniences maie ensue.

That no passenger be suffered to arrive in the towne comynge from any forrayne parte, but that there shalbe notice given to the Commander of the Forte, to the ende that they maie be examined uppon such pointes as shalbe necessary for the present to the furtherance of her Majesty's service.

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At the Court at Greenwich, the 11 of June, 1598.

Present :

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

These 2 letters following signed and dated *ut supra*.

The
Leicestershire
trained bands.

A letter to the Earle of Huntingdon. Wee do understand by a letter from your Lordship bearing date the 25 of Maye that you have caused the forces of that countie of Leicester to be mustered and trayned in your owne presence, and that you have taken care to see them sufficientlie provided of armes and furniture for her Majesty's service. Your Lordshipe's paynes heerein is much to be comended, and for the significacion thereof given to us by your letters wee yeald you thancks. And whereas you write unto us that you have forborne to take any order for the recompence of captaine Bowstredd's travaile and good service employd by him in the trayning of the men of that countie untill you might receave some direccion from us in that behalf, for our partes wee can saie no more unto your Lordship but that wee thincke his paynes and dilligence, whereof your self have by your letter given good comendacion, verie worthy of reward, which although wee will not in any sort prescribe particularly, because wee would rather it should comme of good will from the countie towards him then of any necessitie imposed by us, yet wee thincke your Lordship shall do well to favour him so much as to procure him some such recompence as shalbe agreable to the paynes he hath taken and good service he hath donne. After the next vew taken of the musters wee pray your Lordship to send us a more particuler certificat thereof in such forme as hath bin accustomed. And so, &c.

An open warrant with generall direccion to all her Majesty's officers and subjectes requiring and comanding them to see Mr. Thomas Edmondes furnished of five hable posthorses and of shipping for his transportacion, being at this instant imployed by her Majestie for her service with the French King.

A mission
to France.

A letter to Sir Georg Carey, knight, Mr. Sergeant Glanvile, Mr. Serjeant Heale and William Carew, esquire. Whereas by our late letters directed unto you bearing date the xiiijth of Maye wee required you to examyne certaine supposed misdemeanours of William Blackaller and others, of whome wee had receaved informacion that they opposed themselves against a new charter latelie procured for the towne of Totnes, and had drawen the common people there into faction and disobedience, contrarie to good order and civile government. Forasmuch as sithence our said letters written unto you wee have receaved certificate from Mr. Justice Walmisley and Mr. Justice Fenner, Justices of Assize for that countie of Devon, of their opynions and proceedinges in that cause uppon letters from us formerlie addressed unto them, of the which there was no remembrance or information given us (as it had bin meete) at the tyme when wee wrate our said late letters unto you, and it was unfitt that any new order for examynacion should be procured from us while the matter remayned and depended in the handes of the said Justices, wee do therefore heereby let you understand that you are to forbear from any proceeding in the examynacion of the aforesaid cause according to the direccion given you by our former letters of the 14 of Maie, and to leave the same unto such order as wee upon consideracion of the letters receaved from the Justices have thought good to take, letting you to know moreover that for a more speedie and finall deciding of these controversies, concerning as well the charters as the misdemeanours that have bin complayned of, wee have thought good to referr them unto the Lord

The new
charter for
Totnes.

Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Benche, the Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas and the Justices of Assize before mencioned, or any three of them, whereof the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Bench to be one, uppon whose conference wee doubt not but some certaine course will speedily be resolved on and such good order taken as shalbe most convenient for the towne, &c.

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Signed and dated as the Session.

More
complaints
against Lord
Lincoln.

A letter to the Earl of Lincolne. Wee are very sorry to finde your Lordship's name so often brought unto us by poore men's petitions and complaintes as it is, and if our perswasion maie prevaile with your Lordship wee do earnestly desire you to have somme regarde to satisfy such complaintes as have bin made and to prevente the occasion of any more. Your Lordship hath receaved notice from us heretofore of divers others, and now lastly there hath bin a complainte presented unto us by one Robert Blower, her Majesty's Ordinary Messenger of the Duchie of Lancaster, concerning a certaine howse and lande at Weston in the county of Oxford, whereof (as he informeth us) contrary to all lawe and conscience certaine disordered persons by your Lordship's appointment have dispossessed him. Wee doubt not but your Lordship in your owne conscience can resolve whether he have right or wronge donne him herein, and therefore we praie you either to restore the poore man to the possession of his howse and lande, or else to make it appeare sufficiently unto us that his complaint is unjust, and in so doing he shalbe punished for his false informacion and slaunderous complaint. Otherwise if he shall not receave remedy at your Lordship's handes it must be our parte to take somme order for his reliefe and for the recovery of his possession, but wee hope that the regarde of your owne honour and of justice will make you herein to prevent us. And so, &c.

11 June, 1598.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Earl Marshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Benche, Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas, Mr. Justice Walmisley and Mr. Justice Fenner, or to any three of them, whereof the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Benche to be one. Whereas great controversie and division hath growen amongst the inhabitantes and burgesses of Totnes in the countie of Devon concerning a new charter latelie procured by somme particular persons of that towne without the privitie or consent of the majour part of the burgesses there (as wee are informed), upon which controversie wee have bin sollicitated with severall petitions, both on the part of those that procured the charter, who complayned unto us against certaine persons, especiallie one William Blackaller and others, charging them with sondry misdemeanours and disorders in opposing themselves against the said charter and in making faction among the inhabitantes of the towne, to the hinder-aunce of good gover[n]ment there, as also on the part of those that finde themselves greeved with the obteyning of this new charter, who contrarily do affirme that the Corporacion should receave great prejudice and inconvenience by the same, in regard sondry of their priviledges and jurisdictiones (graunted in their auncient charter) were thereby dissolved or abridged, and that the eleccion of the Maiour and disposicion of the landes and profites belonging to the said towne remaine now at the direccion of some few private persons that for their owne benefitt and advantage are said to have procured this charter.

The Totnes
charter.

For remedy whereof and for our better informacion of the premisses wee heeretofore directed our letters to you, the Justices of Assize of that Circuite, requiring you to

take somme good order for the examynacion and deciding of the controversie betwixt them concerning their charters and to certifie us of your opynions of the same. And you having taken paines heerein accordingly have latelie returned your certificat to us that those that procured the new charter have refused to shew the same or to stand to the order of you, the said Justices of Assize, but would rather relie on the ordinarie course of law for the tryall of the cause, by which meanes your traveile hath not taken effect nor that reformation bin had of the matters complayned of as wee wished. Forasmuch as it were more convenient that this controversie concerning a multitude should have some shorter course then by the Common Law, wee have thought good once againe to referr it to examynacion and have made choise of you, the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Benche, the Lord Cheefe Justice of the Common Pleas and Justices of Assize of that Circuite, or any three of you (the Lord Cheefe Justice of her Majesty's Bench to be one), praying and requiring you to give hearing of these matters in controversie betwixt the inhabitantes of that towne as well concerning their charters and the differences, contrarieties and inconveniences that shalbe found in them, as also their other complaintes and greevances of the one part against the other uppon such misdemeanours as are complayned of, and thereuppon to do your best endeavour for reformation of any disorders that you shall finde on either part, and for the setting downe of some such course between them as may best serve for their agreement and for the good gover[n]ment of the towne, or otherwise to certifie us of your opynions what you thincke meete and requisite to be donne therein. And so, &c.

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Signed and dated as the former.

Unnecessary
petitions from
the Channel
Isles.

A letter to Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, and the Bailiff and Jurates of Jerzey, or any 4 of these. Wee cannot but mervaile to fynd so great a number of petitioners as do repaire hether out of the Isles of Jerzey and Guernzey,

especiallie when many of the causes are such as do not countervaile the travaile and expence of the petitioners, and as wee suppose might be compounded there by the good meanes of the Governours and others of the best place and credit amonge them. Of this kynd is the petition heerein-closed of one William Soulemont of that Isle of Jerzey, complayninge of one Richard de Cartrett for taking an unjust and unconscionable advantage against [him] verie fraudulentlie (as is alleadged by the petitioner) to make him forfeit a parcell of land unto the said Cartrett upon a morgage of the same land for a summe of money that Soulemont borrowed of him, a matter though of good importaunce to the petitioner (as it seemeth), yet of such sort (if the petitioner do informe us of a truthe) as unlesse Cartrett be a verie unreasonable and unconscionable man it might have bin agreed betwixt them by the meanes of freendes or others of authoritie in the Island without any suite heere. Neverthelesse since it is brought unto us by the said petitioner, wee have thought good to referr it unto you, the Captaine, together with the Bailiff and Jurates of that Isle, praying and requiring you to examyne this matter between Soulemont and Cartrett, and to do your best endeavour (if you shall see cause) to bring Cartrett to somme conscionable order and agreement, which if he refuse, then to take good bondes of him to make his repaire hither and appeare before us at some such tyme as you shall thincke convenient to assigne, and to certifie us of your proceedings heerein. And so wee bidd, &c.

Signed as the letters going afore and dated.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Sheriffes of London. Whereas by former letters written at severall tymes wee did from tyme to tyme give respite to the Alderman of the Stillyard and the rest of that Societie for their departure out of that Howse, upon continuall expectacion wee have had to understand what resolucion shalbe taken concerning her Majesty's merchantes at Hamborough and

A further
respice for the
Steelyard
merchants.

Stoade. Forasmuch as wee have not as yeat receaved certaine advertisement concerning her Majesty's said merchantes, and the Alderman of the Stillyard, in the behalfe of himself and the rest, [has petitioned] for some longer respite and forbearance, wee have againe bin moved by their intreaty to enlarge the tyme for their stay untill the xth of July next, whereof wee do give you notice, to th'ende you maie take order that no molestacion or disturbance be offred them during the said tyme, but that they maie peaceably remaine there, observing such orders and condicions as have bin prescribed in our former letters. And so, &c.

11 June.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Secretary.

The custody
of the Scottish
Border
pledges.

* Dispatched
from Theobalds by Mr.
Maynard.

A letter to the Lord Willughby. Wee have seen a letter written from your Lordship to me, the Lord Treasurour, dated the 4 of this instant, whereby you have certified us that you have receaved the pledges of the Middle Marches of Scotland from the handes of Sir Robert Ker, Warden of those Marches, and amonge many other particularities contayned in your said letter you desire to understand how the pledges shalbe disposed of, because you thinck the towne of Barwick unmeete for the custody of them, wherein wee do verie well approove your Lordship's judgement and do agree with you in opynion, holding it much more fitt that they should be remooved unto Yorke, there to be kept. For which purpose wee have written unto the Lord Archbishopp of Yorke to take order for the receaving and keeping of them in such sort as shalbe convenient when they comme thither from your Lordship, as also to the Lord Warden of the Middle Marches to receave them out of your Wardenrie and to the Bishopp of Duresme to receave them in like

* Original marginal note.

manner from the Middle Marche, and so to cause them to be conveyd to Yorke. Wee do therefore pray you to cause the said pledges to be conveyed and sent with verie sufficient guard to the lymites of your Wardenry, to be delivered to the Lord Warden of the Middle Marches or his Deputie, and to the ende the same may be donne with the more readynes and certaintie your Lordship shall do well to give notice of the tyme and place to the Lord Warden of the Middle Marches or his Deputie, that he may take order for the receaving of them accordinglie. Concerning some other particular matters and circumstaunces in your letter, wherein you desire to have somme more perfect direccion and informacion, forasmuch as Sir William Bowes wilbe shortlie with you at Barwick and the Wardens in their severall charges, wee will referr your Lordship for those matters to that tyme and conference with them as occasion shall serve. And so, &c.

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These 3 letters also folowing were signed by the p. 288.

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Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Sir Robert Cary, knight, Lord Warden of the Midle Marches. Whereas the Lord Willoughbie, Governour of Barwicke (upon notice given unto us that he hath receaved the pledges of the Midle Marches of Scotland from the handes of Sir Robert Ker), hath order and direccion from hence to cause the said pledges to be removed from the towne of Barwicke unto Yorke, which is to be donne by conveying them thorough the Midle Marches under your gouvernement, where the pledges are to be delivered unto such persons as you shall appoint for the receaving of them and for their conveyance into the Bishopricke of Duresme and thence unto Yorke, wee do

* This letter
was delivered
to Rafe
Mason, the
Messenger, to
be sent awaie
by the post of
London.

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therefore praie and require you that when the Lord Willoughby shall cause the pledges to be brought unto the limittes of your Marches and shall give you knowledg of the tyme and place for that purpose, to take order for the receaving and for sending of them forward with very sufficient garde unto the Bishopricke of Duresme, giving in like notice beforehande unto the Lord Bishopp of Duresme of the tyme and place when and where they shalbe delivered to such persons as he shall send for that cause. And as wee have given this order unto you for their passage thorough your gouvernement, so have wee donne the like by our letter to the Lord Bishope of Duresme for their conveyance to Yorke. So praying you to take good care to see this direccion duly executed, wee bidd, &c.

* These 2
letters and
that before
going to
the Lord
Willoughby
were dis-
patched from
Theobaldes
by Mr.
Maynard.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Yorke. By a letter from our very good Lord the Lord Willoughby, Gôvernour of Barwicke, wee understand that he hath receaved the pledges of the Midle Marches of Scotland from the handes of Sir Robert Ker, and wee have thereupon given direccion for their remoove from Barwicke to Yorke, being a place fitter for their safe custody. And because they are to make their passage thorough the East Marches and the Midle Marches and so forward thorough the Bishopricke of Duresme unto Yorke, and wee have given order to the Lord Willoughbie for the conveying of them with sufficient garde to the limittes of his Marches, and accordingly to Sir Robert Cary or his Deputy for the Midle Marches and to our very good Lord the Bishope of Duresme for the receaving and transferring of them from place to place, so wee do praie and require your Lordship when the Lord Bishope of Duresme shall send the said pledges unto Yorke (whereof he will give your Lordship notice as soone as he shall see cause and opportunity), you will take order for the disposing of them in safe custody in the Castle of Yorke, the persons being (as wee are enformed) men of very meane reckoning, and to give commaundement that there be no resorte to

* Original marginal note.

them of any other persons then such as shalbe well known to be of honest behaviour and voide of any suspicion of evill practise. Whereof not doubting but your Lordship will take sufficient care, and praying you to certefy us of their being at Yorke (when they shalbe comme thither), wee bidd, &c.

A letter to the Lord Bishopp of Durham. By a letter from the Lord Willoughby wee understand that he hath receaved the pledges of the Middle Marches of Scotland from the handes of Sir Robert Ker, and wee have given order for their remoove from Barwick to Yorke, being a fitter place for the custodie of them. These pledges are to be conveyed thorough the Middle Marches unto the Bishopprick and thence to Yorke, and therefore as wee have given direccion to the Lord Willughby to deliver them over to Sir Robert Carie, Warden of the Middle Marches, and in like sort to Sir Robert Carie for the receaving and transferring them with very sufficient guard unto the lymites of his Marches and to deliver them unto such persons as your Lordship shall appoint to receave them, so do wee pray and require you (upon notice of the tyme and place given your Lordship by the Warden of the Middle Marches or his Deputie) to take order for the receaving of the said pledges and for the conveying them with sufficient guard to Yorke, and to certifie the Lord Archbishop as soone as you finde oportunitie of your sending them unto him, that his Lordship may the more readilie dispose of them for their safe custodie. And so wee bidd your Lordship, &c.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Northe.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescu.

A letter to Sir Edward Norreys, Governour of Ostende. The garrison of Ostend.
Whereas captain Deckam having had a company of 150

foote in your garrison of Ostende is willing to give over the same and hath made knowen unto us that he is contented to leave it to be disposed of by us, you shall understand that wee have made choyse of Sir Calisthenes Brooke as a fitt man to undertake the charge of the said company, and do therefore praie and require you to take order upon receipt of these our letters that the said company lately of captain Deckam may be consigned and delivered over to Sir Calisthenes Brooke with such armes and furnitures as do therunto belonge. And so not doubting but he will by his owne good worthe and by his service to her Majestie in that charge deserve your love and good favoure, wee bidd you, &c.

Signed and dated *ut supra*.

A warrant to William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. Whereas captain Deckam hath had a company of 150 foote in her Majesty's entertaynment in the garrison of Ostende, which company the said captain Deckam having given over and left to be disposed of by us wee have thought good to assigne and committ to the charge of Sir Callisthenes Brooke, knight, and have accordingly given order for the same to Sir Edward Norreys, knight, Governour of that towne and garrison. These shalbe therefore to require you from henceforthe to paye or cause to be payed to Sir Callisthenes Brooke all suche entertaynement as is or shall be due to him for himself, his officers and the said company, in such sorte as payement hath bin made to the former captaine, for the which this shalbe your sufficient warrant. Dated, &c.

Signed and dated as the letter abovesaid to Sir Edward Norreys, except Mr. Comptroler.

An appeal
from Jersey.

A letter to Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, John Perin, Ely du Mare, John Herault, John Dore and Elye Le Mont, Jurates of Jerzey, or to any 4 of them. Whereas Salamon Blundell of the Isle of Jerzey, merchaunt, (by the enclosed

petition exhibited unto us) hath made complaint that he could not obteyne indifferent and dew proceeding in a cause depending in that Island between him and one Thomas Soulemont, whereupon he hath bin constrayned to appeale from the sentence there given in the said cause and to become a suitour unto us for further remedie, upon perusall of whose petition wee referred the consideracion thereof to her Majesty's Learned Counsaile heere or to any of them, wherein her Majesty's Sollicitour hath certified his opynion that it were convenient to referr the cause unto you to be heard and ordered in such course as by his certificate indorsed upon the petition appeareth. Wee have therefore thought meete to commende the same accordinglie to your good consideracions, praying and requiring you to call the parties of both sides before you, and after dew examynacion taken of all particularities and proofes to be produced by either of them, to accord the differences between them in such sort as you shall thinck most agreable to equitie and good conscience, or otherwise if the said Soulemont shall refuse to be ordered by you in this behalf, to enjoyne him to appeare before us to aunswere the appeale. And for your more indifferent proceedinges heerein you shall admitt of such persons as the adverse partie shall nomynate and make choise of to joyne with you in the examynacion and ordering of this matter, so as they be not a greater number then your selves and not of his kyndred or allies. So wee bidd, &c.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Treasurour.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord North.

Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lordes Justices of Ireland and Comissioners for taking the Victualler's accomptes there. Whereas her Majesty's forces in that realme of Ireland hath of late yeares

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bin furnished with sondry proporcions of graine and other victualles shipped from Cheshire and those partes of England, the which by our direccions hath bin provided and sent over by Georg Beverley, who hath yealded an accompt for the same to the Auditour heere. Howbeit insomuch as the Victualler in Ireland is to be dylie charged on his accomptes with all such readie money, graine, victualles and other provisions made for the victualling which hath bin provided, sent and delivered to Robert Newcomen, the Victualler, or his mynisters for the victualling causes in Ireland by the said Beverley, and to the ende her Majestie do sustaine no losse by difference or wronge rating of weightes and measures in the deliveries or receiptes of the same graine or other victualles, wee have thought it requisite to send over a copie of the same accomptes unto you, that you may thereby understand how to charge the Victualler uppon his accomptes, the which copie or a dooble of the same is to be returned to the Auditour heere to be joyned to the other accomptes of the said Beverley. And so, &c.

Earl Marshall. Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Admyrall. Lord Northe.

Mr. Comptroler.

Illegal sale of
a ship and
her cargo.

An open warrant to Georg Cobham, one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber. Whereas there was comission directed out of the High Court of the Admiraltie with letters from us for the finding foorth and restoring of a carvell, her furniture and ladinge of salt, unto captain George Watson, that in Julie last was taken in her Majesty's service (he being sent by us to discover the Spanish forces then at Faroll), and embeazeled and solde at Perin in Cornewall or thereabouts by certaine persons that brought the same thether, which was ordered by us

to be disposed by him to the satisfaccion of his company and owners of the shipp wherein he served, and that diverse persons who bought and receaved the same have contemptiously disobeyed and impugned the tenour of the same comission and our said letters. These are to will and require you and in the Queene's Majesty's name to charge and comaund you to make your undelaid repaire to the places where any such persons are that before the Comissioners nomynated in the said comission have bin or shalbe proved to have bought, receaved, had, possest or disposed the said carvell, salte or any part thereof, and except they foorthwith restore the same or satisfy the value thereof unto the said captaine or his assigne, Giles Smithe, to apprehend and bring them in your company before us at the Court to aunswere all such matters as on that behalf shalbe objected against them. Whereof faile you not, and this shalbe your warrant. From the Court, &c.

A letter to the Maiour of Plymouth. Although upon hearing of the complaintes that have bin exhibited unto us of late in the behalfe of your self and others the inhabitantes of the towne of Plymouth against Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight, Comander of the Forte neare the towne, and upon consideracion of his answeres unto the same, together with such objections made by him of wronges supposed to be donne to him by you and others of the towne, we have thought good rather by somme good orders to reduce both him and you to a freendly agreement then straightlie to examine and punishe the disorders committed (neither parte seeming unto us to be free from faulte). Nevertheles because some persons have shewed themselves more worthy of blame then others, and none seeme to us to have bin so faulty in the making of this discorde as George Barnes, your Towne Clerke, and Jennings, Sir Ferdinando Gorge's lieutenant, wee do thinke it very meete that these two be made to knowe their faulte by somme punishment, and

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therefore as wee have given order that Sir Ferdinando Georges shall displace and remoove his said lieutenant from him, so because the said Barnes hath shewed himself a cheefe authour and mayntainour of this strife and contention, wee do in like sorte holde it very fitt that the Towne Clerke shalbe sequestred and restrayned from the execucion of his said office by himself for the space of three monethes, beginning at the first of Julie next, requiring you, the Maiour, to see this our order concerning his restraint and sequestracion accordingly perfourmed and executed. And so, &c.

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A letter to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, knight. Although uppon hearing of the complainte in the behalfe of the towne of Plymouth and your answeres thereunto, together with such objections of wronges supposed to be donne by the officers and other inhabitantes of that towne to you, wee have thought good rather by somme good orders to reduce you and them to a freendly agreement then straightly to examine and punish the disorders committed (neither parte seeming unto us to be free from faulte). Nevertheles because somme are more worthy of blame then others, and none seeme to us to have bin so faulty in the makinge of this discorde as the Towne Clerke and your lieutenant, wee do thincke it very meete that these two be made to knowe their faulte by somme punishment, and therefore as wee have given order and comandement to the Maiour of Plymouth for the sequestering and remooving of the Towne Clerke from the execucion of his office for a tyme, so wee do require you wholly to remoove from you and from that place your lieutenant, *——— Jennings, and to take somme other fitt man into his roome, by which meanes wee hope hereafter there maie growe better agreement betwixt you and the towne, and her Majesty's service be the more readily perfourmed. And so, &c.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Earle of Ormonde. Whereas it hath pleased her Majestie to give order for 2,000 men to be levied in certaine counties of this realme for her service in Ireland, which are to be transported thither with as much speede as they can be put in readynes, and are to serve for the supplying and strengthening of the companies there which are deficient and decayed. And whereas amonge the said companies there is one under the charge of Sir Charles Percie, a gentleman of a noble howse and of good desert for service, in which respectes he maie be thought worthy of any extraordinary favour that is yealded to any other, wee do therefore wishe so much favoure to be shewed him by your Lordship as that when the supply of 2,000 men cometh over, his company maie not only be filled up to the number that it had heretofore but increased to the number of two hundredth, and that uppon the said increase so ordered by your Lordship entertaynement maie be given him afterwarde for a company of 200. This being a favoure that hath bin afforded unto somme others, wee doubt not but it shall seeme fitt to be yelded unto him, and therefore wee do praie your Lordship to take order accordingly for the increase of his company to that number of two hundred when the supply shalbe arrived, not doubting but according to this increase of favoure towarde him he will increase his meritt and good service to approve himself worthy of the same. And so wee bidd, &c.

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A letter to the Lord Treasurour. Whereas her Majestie hath given order for a proporcion of victuall to be provided and sent into Ireland for her soldiers and garrisons there, the charges whereof having bin considered are found by estimate to arise unto eight thousand poundes, and thereuppon hath bin pleased by her warrant of Privy Seale bearing date

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* Privie Seale
of the 13 of
June for
8,000^{li.}.

the xiiijth of this instant to give direccion unto your Lordship for the issuing out of her Exchequer the summe of 8,000^{li.} for the defraying of the said charge according as occasion should be founde and certified to your Lordship by six of us of her Privy Counsaile under our handes. Forasmuch as there hath bin a contract and bargaine made with John Joles of London, merchaunt, John Wood of London, gentleman, and Georg Beverley of the cittie of Chester, gentleman, for the providing and transporting of such a proporcion of the said victuall as shall serve 4,000 men for two monethes into Ireland, which they have undertaken to performe for the summe of 4,000^{li.} according to articles and condicions of agreement testified under their owne handes, and are to put in sufficient bond of 6,000^{li.} into her Majesty's Exchequer, as may appeare unto your Lordship by the said articles, which heerewith wee send unto you, and are by the said agreement to have 2,000^{li.} imprest to begin to make their provision, wee do therefore pray your Lordship to give order for the speedie payment and delivery of the said 2,000^{li.} unto the said John Joles, John Wood and Georg Beverley by vertue of the Privy Seale above mencioned, and this our letter signed by six of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile (according to the tenour of the Privy Seale) shalbe your Lordship's sufficient warrant. Wee do also pray your Lordship to give order for their bondes to be taken for the performaunce of the service aforesaid according as your Lordship shall thinck good. And so, &c.

At Greenwich. 14 June.

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Certaine Articles undertaken before the Right Honorable the Lordes and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Counsaile to be performed by John Joles of London, marchaunt, John Wood of London, gentleman, and Georg Beverley of the cittie of Chester, gentleman, in the providing, shipping and transporting of the proporcion of victuall heereunder mencioned

* Original marginal note.

out of this realme of England to the port of Dublin in Victuals for
Ireland for the victualling of 4,000 men for 2 monthes. Ireland.

Biskett, or wheate meale to make biskett,
after one pound a man *per diem* for 4,000 men } 2,016^{li.} 0^{s.} 0^{d.}
for 56 daies, 224,000 pound at 9^{li.} per 1,000 is }

Butter, half a pound to 4 men the daie is
for 4,000, 56 daies, 28,000 pound, in firkins } 466^{li.} 13^{s.} 0^{d.}
518½ one pound, at 18^{s.} the firkin - - }

Cheese, one pound and a quarter to 4 men
the daie is for 4,000 men, 56 daies, 70,000
pound, which in weighes is 273¾, at 52^{s.} the
weigh - - - - - } 710^{li.} 18^{s.} 9^{d.}

Please, a quart to 4 men the daie for 4,000
men, 28 daies, is 109 quarts 1 bushell, at
32^{s.} the quartere is - - - - - } 175^{li.} 0^{s.} 0^{d.}

Otemeale, one pynt and a half to 4 men
per diem is for 4,000 men, 28 daies, 82 } 184^{li.} 18^{s.} 4½^{d.}
quarters 1 pecke, at 45^{s.} the quarter is - }

More for the transportacion of the said
victuall - - - - - } 446^{li.} 10^{s.} 0^{d.}

Summe totall - - - 4,000^{li.} 0^{s.} 1½^{d.}

First, the said Undertakers desire an imprest of 2,000^{li.}
sterlinge to begin to make provicion of the proporcion of
victualles above mentioned, and also desire to receave the
other 2,000^{li.} when the victualles in full proporcion are
shipped, which shalbe donne within twentie daies next after
the receipt of the first imprest. And so for the summe of
4,000^{li.} they do undertake to provide, shipp and transport the
said two moneths' victualles for 4,000 men as aforesaid.

And also they do undertake to deliver at the said port of
Dublin in Ireland (the perrill of shipwracke and of spoile by
the enemyes excepted) the full quantitie of the said victualles
good, sweete and wholesome, according to the proporcion
above mencioned, to such Victualler or officer as shalbe
appointed for receipt thereof. Provided that upon delivery of

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the same they may have certificat from the Counsell of that realme to your Lordships in discharge of them and their bondes, and that they may have direccion from your Lordships thether as well for the speedie unlading of the shippes uppon their arrivall as also their owne dispatch.

Moreover they do covenant and yeald to enter into good and sufficient bondes in the Exchequer to her Majesty's use to the value of 6,000^{li.} for the dew performaunce of the bargaine they have undertaken of providing, shipping, transporting and delivering in Ireland the said quantity of victualles in such manner as is above mentioned, the said perfourmaunce to be approoved by a due certificat to be brought out of Ireland, and to be returned into her Majesty's Exchequer for discharge of the said bondes.

Lastlie, they do desire that somme officer of her Majestie (to be named and appointed by the Lord Treasourour) may be present to see the said victualles (which they shall provide) at the tyme when they shall have the same in a readynes to be shipped, to th'ende that upon the vew of the victuall by the said officer it may appeare whether the victualles be good and allowable or no. And of the tyme when the said victualles shalbe in such readynes they shall give notice to the said officer.

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Moreover, forasmuch as somme part of the proporcion and provision above mencioned is to be provided at Chester and shipped from thence, so as her Majesty's officer that shalbe appointed to see the victuall which is to be shipped at London cannot see also that parte which shalbe shipped at Chester, yt is agreed that if the said John Joles, John Wood and George Beverley do bring dew certificat from the Maiour of Chester and from Peter Warberton of Warley, esquire, Thomas Wilbraham of Woodhey, esquire, and Hugh Beeston, esquire, or any 3 of them, whereof the Maiour to be one, of the porcion of victuall which they shall provide and embarque at Chester, their said certificat shalbe taken for good and allowed for so much victuall as they do there provide and embarque.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Treasurer.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to Monsieur Vylleroy, Secretarie of Estate to the King of France.

Monsieur, Entre voz aultres affaires de plus grande importance nous vous recommandons tres affectieusement la cause d'un honneste marchand de notre nation appellé Jean Rashley, vous prians (sic) le vouloir assister de votre faveur vers Sa Majesté tres Christiene afin que par icelle il puisse avoir prompte justice. Ce marchand ayant envoyé un sien navire nommé Le Succes a Roan chargé de plusieurs sortes de marchandises, qui a esté poussé de vents contraires au Havre de Grace, le Gouverneur la faict arrester .sous couleur et pretexte qu'un marchand de la dite ville auroit esté ci devant pillé par le capitaine Guymare, qui n'est pas Anglois ains (sic) Wallon. Et combien que notre estat ne soit pas tenu de rendre compte des actions dudit capitaine estant estrangier, neantmoins d'autant qu'il estoit (a ce qu'on disoit) arrivé en ce Royaulme, nous avons accordé a vostre dict marchand tous les moyens ordinaires et procedures legitimes (desquelz notre nation mesme se contente) pour recouvrir sa navire et ses biens dudit capitaine. Et pourtant nous vous prions bien justamment d'interceder vers sa Majesté tres Christiene pour cest honneste marchand afin qu'il luy plaise donner commandement au Gouverneur du Havre de Grace de luy faire restitution de ses biens et de sa navire. Et nous serons tousjours prêts a toutes occasions de donner notre aide a l'endroit de ceulx de votre nation tant en recompence de votre bonne affection comme pour la conservation de l'amitié entre le Roy tres Christien et la Royne notre Souveraine. Ainsi nous deviendrons, Monsieur, voz tres affectionés amis.

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A schedule of the severall numbers of men to be leavied in certaine counties of the Principality of Wales and the Marches of the same and in other particular counties mencioned in the said schedule for the supplying of the decaid bandes in Ireland.

Places of embarquing.	Counties.	Numbers of men.	
Bristoll.			
All the soldiers to be imbarqued at this port are committed to the charge of captain Henry Poole for their transportacion into Ireland.	Monmouth	- 100	Captain Henry Poole to conduct them to the port and to carry them over.
	Worcester	- 150	
	Salopp -	- 150	
	Glamorgan	- 100	
Chester.			
These numbers are comitted to the charge of captain Skipwith for their transportacion.	Denbigh -	- 100	Sir Richard Trevor to conduct them to the port.
	Carnarvon	- 100	
	Flint -	- 50	
	Mountgomery	- 100	
	Merioneth	- 50	
Milford.			
These numbers are committed to captain Henry Malby for their transportacion over.	Carmarthen	- 100	Captain Frauncis Merick to conduct them to the port.
	Cardigan -	- 50	
	Brecknock	- 100	
	Radnor -	- 50	
Chester.			
These numbers to captain Rookwood.	Stafford -	- 100	Captain Rookwood to conduct them to the port.
	Warwick -	- 150	
	Lancaster	- 200	Mr. Ed. Terbock comended by their Lordships to conduct them.
	Chester -	- 150	
			Captain Robert Warberton commended for that countie.
<i>Memorandum</i> that hereafter the countie of Chester is to be charged as the countie of Stafford.			
Bristoll.	Gloucester	- 200	
Summe totall		-	<u><u>2,000</u></u>

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Lord Treasurer.	Lord North.
Earl Mareshall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Earle of Pembroke. Whereas her Majestie finding that her gracious disposicion to reduce the rebelles of Ireland by some peaceable meanes to obedience doth not take effect is determyned to take a course for the suppressing of them by force, and therefore hath thought it needefull for the present to repaire and strengthen her forces there which are defective with a supplie of somme convenient numbers of men out of this realme. Toward the which supplie it hath pleased her to appoint such numbers of men (amounting in all to 1,200) to be taken out of the counties within the Principalitie of Wales as are mentioned in a schedule that heerewith wee send your Lordship signed with our handes, and by her letters to your Lordship directed bearing date the xiiijth of this instant hath accordingle given you order and authoritie to leavie, arme, furnish and set foorth the said numbers of men out of the said counties.

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to be levied
in Wales.*

Forasmuch as it is needefull that your Lordship for your better performaunce of her Majesty's comaundement do receave some more particular direccions from us, wee have written therefore these our letters unto your Lordship, letting you understand that you are to cause good choise to be made of sufficient and serviceable men, not admitting any rogues and vagabondes in the number of them, and those to be furnished with good armour and weapons in such sort as the one half may be pikes armed with corselettes and the other half shott, and of the shott the greater part muskettes. And moreover to take order that they may be provided and furnished of coates, to be made of some good

* Her
Majesty's
letters and
this from
their Lord-
ships sent by
Rafe Mason.

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to be levied
in Wales.

stronge cloth, and of conduct money for the said numbers of men, and for their conductours to the portes of Bristoll, Chester and Milford, according as they are severallie appointed in the said schedule, where they are to embarque, allowing them one weeke's wages and entertainment for the conduct, at which portes they are to be in readynes by the ixth of the next moneth of Julie.

And for that wee would have them safelie and orderlie thether conducted, wee do pray and require your Lordship to cause good choise to be made of fitt and sufficient persons of the severall counties to undertake the conduccion of them to the ports mencioned, where wee have taken order for the receaving of them and for their shipping and victuall, and for their lodging during the tyme that they shalbe constrayned to attend their embarquing, as also for satisfaccion of the charges to the countrie of the coates (according to her Majesty's usuall allowance of iiij^s. every coate) and of the conduct money according to the rate above mentioned.

For performaunce of these thinges wee do earnestlie pray your Lordship to take speedie order, and withall to cause tripartite rolles to be made (according to the usuall manner) of the said number of soldiers and of their severall armes and furnitures, and to send unto us one of the said rolles for each countie, retayning another to your selfe and delivering the third unto the conductour. Your Lordship shall moreover understand that the allowance of conduct money above specified is meant after the rate of viij^d by the daie to every soldier and according to the rate of vj^s. a day (as captaines' entertainment) to the conductour. Of the which charges, together with the rest above mentioned, uppon particular certificat to be sent up to me, the Lord Treasurer, speedie repayment shalbe made to any such partie as shalbe sent and appointed for receipt thereof. So, &c.

In the foote of the schedule sent to the Earle of Pembroke were inserted these woordes, viz., Wee have sett downe in this schedule the names of certaine gentlemen

whom wee thinck verie fitt to be conductours unto the portes for those counties unto which their said names are applied in the schedule, praying your Lordship to make choise of them and leaving the rest unto your owne disposicion.

Signed and dated as the former.

Severall letters of one tenour to the Lord Chandois, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Glocester, and to the Sheriffes and Comissioners for taking the musters in the counties of Stafford, Warwicke, Lancaster and Chester, according to the schedule aforegoing.

Whereas her Majestie findinge that her gracious disposicion to reduce the rebelles of Ireland by somme peaceable meanes to obedience doth not take effect is determined to take a course for the suppressing of them by force, and therefore hath thought it needfull for the present to repaire and strengthen her forces there which are defective with a supply of somme convenient numbers of men out of this realme, towarde the which supply it hath pleased her to appointe †—— men to be taken out of that county of †——, and by her letters to you directed bearing date the 14 of this instant hath given you order and authority to leavye, arme, furnishe and sett forthe the said number of men out of the said county.

Forasmuch as it is needfull that you do receave for your better perfourmance of her Majesty's commandement the healpe of somme more particular direccions from us, wee have therefore written these our letters unto you, letting you understand that you are to cause good choise to be made of sufficient and serviceable men, not admitting any rogues and vagabondes in the number of them, and those to be furnished with good armour and weapons in such sorte as the one half maie be pikes, armed with corselettes, and the other halfe shott, and of the shott the greater parte muskettes. And moreover to see them provided and furnished of coates, to be made of somme good stronge clothe, and of conduct money

The recruits
from
England.

* Delivered 19 June.
Her Majesty's letters
and those from their
Lordships delivered
thus :—

Stafford } to Tho.
Warwick } Tailer.

Lancaster } to Adam
Cheshire } King.

Gloucester { to Jo.
Sharpe.

* Original marginal note.

†Blank in the MS.

The recruits
from
England.

for the said number of men and for their conductour to the porte of *———, where they are to embarque, allowing them one weeke's wages and entertaynment for the conduct, at which said porte they are to be in readynes by the ninthe of July next.

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And for that wee would have them safely and orderly thither conducted, wee do praie and require you to make choise of somme fitt and sufficient person of that county to undertake the conduccion of them to the porte mencioned, where wee have appointed a sufficient person to receave them and to take charge of their transportacion, as also wee have taken order for shipping and victuall, and for the lodging of the soldiers during the tyme that they shalbe constrayned to attend their embarquing, as also for satisfaccion of the charges to the countrie of the coates (according to her Majesty's usuall allowance of iiij^s. every coate) and of the conduct money according to the rate abovemenconed. These things wee praie and require you to see duly perfourmed, and withall to cause tripartite rolles indented to be made (according to the usuall manner) of the said number of soldiers and of their severall armes and furnitures, and to send unto us one of the said rolles, retayning another to your self and delivering the thirde unto the conductour. And so, &c.

Postscript. You shall moreover understand that the allowance of conduct money above specified is meant after the rate of viij^d by the day to every soldier and according to the rate of vj^s. a day (as a captain's entertaynment) to the conductour, of the which charges, together with the rest above mencioned, uppon particular certeficate to be sent up to me, the Lord Treasurer, speedy repayment shalbe made to any such partie as you shall appoint for the receipt thereof.

In the *postscript* of the letter to Lancashire capitaine Edward Terbock was commended to them for the conductour, and in the letter to Cheshire capten Robert Warberton.

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These letters signed as the former minute.

Letters to the ports of Bristoll, Chester and Milford, Handivord (*sic*) West and Pembroke.

Whereas her Majestie hath given order for the leavie of certaine numbers of men in diverse counties of this realme to be transported speedilie for her service into Ireland, among the which there is the number of *—— appointed to come from sondrie counties to the port of *——, there to be present by the ixth of Julie next for their embarquing and transportacion unto the port of Dublin in Ireland, wee have therefore thought it necessarie to lett you know thereof beforehand, that provision may be made of shipping accordingle and order taken for the well disposing of the soldiers when they come to the port. Wee do therefore require you to cause somme convenient shipping and fitt vesselles for their transportacion to be taken up and hired at reasonable rates, and the same to be victualled for so much tyme as shalbe thought needefull for their passage to Dublin, and to be put in readynes against the daie of their coming to the port above mentioned. At what tyme or as soone as they shalbe come together, if the winde serve, wee will that they be dispatched and sent awaie with speede, if not, then wee require you to take order for the lodging and victualling of them in your towne during their necessarie aboade there at reasonable and accustomed rates, not exceeding *iiij^s. viij^d.* for a soldier by the weeke. For all which charges upon particular certificat to be sent up to me, the Lord Treasurour, speedie repayment and satisfaction shalbe made, and the money delivered to any such partie as you shall appoint for the receipt thereof. And so, &c.

†Bristoll
Haverford } delivered
&c. } to
Chester } Sharpe.
to Kinge.

A warrant to one of the Messengers of her Majesty's Chamber to bring before their Lordships one *—— Berry, late constable of Nawbin in the county of Cornewall, and in case he refuse to require the aide of her Majesty's publique officers.

Warrant for
an arrest.

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† Original marginal note.

Transport to
Ireland.

A letter to the Deputie Lieutenant of the countie of Penbroke to give healp and furtherance for the provision of shipping at the portes of Penbroke and Haverforde West, to transporte such souldiers thence as are appointed to embarque in Milford Haven.

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Sonday. At the Court at Greenwich, 18 June, 1598.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

19 June.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This daie Ambrose Jennings of London, iremonger (*sic*), having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant to aunswere such matters as he is to be charged with hath made his apparaunce accordinglie, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoined in their Lordships' names to give his daiely attendance on their Lordships at their meetings in Counsaile, and not to departe untill by their Lordships' order he shalbe dismissed.

The Irish re-
inforcements.

Instruccions given to captain Malby, being appointed to receave 300 men at Milford and to transporte them into Ireland.

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instruccions
to captaine
Skipwith,
captaine
Rookewood
and captain
Poole for the
transporta-
cion of the
numbers
assigned to
them.

You shall make your repaire unto the porte of Milford, to be there by the vijth of the next moneth of July, and to attend the cominge thither of certaine numbers of soldiers out of sondry counties for their passage into Ireland, viz., out of the county of Carmerthen 100, the county of Cardigan 50, the county of Brecknock 100, and the county of Radnor 50, which companies you shall receave from the handes of

* Original marginal note.

such persons as shalbe appointed to conduct them unto the porte, and so the said conductors shalbe discharged of them, unlesse your self have the charge as well of the conduccion of any of the said numbers as of their transportation.

The Irish reinforcements.

You shall have regarde to receave the said full numbers of men sufficiently armed and furnished according to the rolles indented that the conductours are to have of the said numbers from the Lord Lieutenant or his Deputy Lieutenantes of those counties where they are leavyed, wherein if there shalbe any defect you shall certefy us thereof for your owne dischargd, and that it maie appeare unto us in whome the cause shalbe of such defect.

When the said numbers of men shalbe comme unto the porte you shall with as much speede as conveniently maie be used cause them to be imbarqued, and yourself going together with them take charge of their transportation to Dublin in Ireland. But if the winde serve not at their first cominge you shall assist the Maiour of the towne or other officers for the disposing of the soldiers in good sorte to be lodged and victualled there according as by our letters to the Maiour and other officers there is prescribed, and especially you shall take care to governe the said soldiers in such sorte as they maie not live disordredly or give just cause of offence to the inhabitantes of the said towne and porte.

When you shalbe arrived in Ireland you shall with as much speede as you can give notice of the said numbers of men unto the Earle of Ormonde, her Majesty's Lieutenant Generall of her forces in that realme, and deliver the same unto his Lordship or to any such persons as he shall appointe, to be disposed of by him as he shall see cause for her Majesty's service, leaving with him a true scedule or rolle of the said men, armed and furnished as you receaved them.

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20 June, '98.

Appearances
before the
Council.

This daie Thomas Minkes, George Basterdine, chaundlers, and Robert Edwardes of London, skynner, having bin sent for by their Lordships' warrant to answeere somme matters that are to be objected against them have made their apparance accordingly, which for their indempnity is here entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoined in their Lordships' names to give their daily attendance on their honours from tyme to tyme at. their meetinges in Counsell, and not to departe untill by their honours' order they shalbe dismissed.

18 June.

Earl Mareshall.

Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

The recruits
from Stafford-
shire and
Warwick-
shire.

A letter to the Comissioners for taking of the musters in the countie of Stafford. Whereas in other letters wee have written unto you at this tyme concerning the leavie of 100 men in that countie by her Majesty's comaundement for her service in Ireland, among other things it is required that good choise be made of a conductour of the said men unto the port where they are to embarque. Though wee doubt not but you have choise of sufficient men for that purpose, yet wee have thought good to send unto you at this tyme captain Rookewood to undertake that charge, and do praie you to appoint him thereunto, which we hold to be the more convenient because the said captaine having a company in Ireland and being now to passe over thither, he may both conduct your men unto the port and also take care for their transportacion, being appointed by us to receave somme other companies out of other counties at Chester, together with the which he may take charge of the transporting of your men. And so not

doubting but upon this our commendacion you will use and emploie him in this service as a man thought by us fitt for the same, wee bidd, &c.

The like letter to the Comissioners of Warwick to comitt the conduccion of the 150 men there leavied unto him.

21 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroler.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescu.

A letter to Sir Edward Dyer, Sergeant Heale, Doctour Stanhope, Mr. Moore, Sheriff of London, and Mr. Poynes, Clerke of her Majesty's Kitchen, or to any 4, 3 or 2 of them. Having receaved an humble peticion from John Killegrey, now prisoner in the Gatehowse, whereby he maketh knownen to us the great hazard that his estate and livinge is in by the straight and harde dealing, as he informeth us, of his creditours, with whome he pretendeth that he hath bin the lesse able to take order for their satisfaccion by reason of his imprisonment, though it be a matter that usually is governed by ordinary course of law, yet forasmuch as he maketh complaint of the extreme and unconscionable dealing of his creditours and it were pittie that his estate and living, being the only meanes of releefe for his wife and children, should be utterly broken and loste by any such extremity as he pretendeth, if any reasonable and conscionable course may be taken to prevent it, wee have therefore thought good to give him the healpe of these our letters to serve for the mediacion betwixt him and his creditours for the drawing of them to the more favorable condicions towards him. Which letters wee have directed unto you, or any 4, 3 or 2 of you, for your paynes and endevoure to be used and employed in the behalfe of this petitioner, praying and requiring you by vertue of this

John
Killegrew
in the
Gatehouse.

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our letter to call before you such creditours of the said John Killegrey as he shall nominate unto you, and uppon knowledg of the particularities to be receaved from him to deale earnestly with them for somme such good order and composicion betwixt them as you shall finde agreable to equity and good conscience, which wee suppose maye be the rather effected because it seemeth by his petition unto us that he will make offer of very reasonable satisfaccion unto them. And therfore if you shall finde him ready to perfourme the parte of an honest debtour towarde them to the best of his power, and they or any of them shall refuse a good agreement through greedynes of imoderate and unconscionable gaine, wee praie you to certefy us of your opinions of their dealing, that wee maie thereuppon consider of some farther course for the petitioner's releefe. And so, &c.

22 June.

Mr. Secretary.

The
Marshalsea.

A warrant to the Keeper of the Marshalseas for the dischargd of Nicholas Martin and John Effart of the Isle of Guernzey, who were comitted to that prison by their Lordships.

24 June.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Essex.	Lord North.
Lord Admyrall.	Lord Buckhurst.

Mr. Secretary.

A testament-
ary case.

A letter to Mr. Comptroler and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer. Whereas uppon complaint made unto us heretofore by one Thomas Gough of a greate wronge offred unto him and divers others of the poore kinred of one John Hunt, late of Ham in the county of Wiltes, deceased, by Erasmus Webb, clerke, and Robert Poore, executours of the last will and testament of the said Hunt's wife, also deceased, wee addressed our letters to Sir Humfrey Forster,

Sir Thomas Parry, knightes, and other gentlemen of good quality in the county of Berkes to examyne the said complaint, and if they founde the said Webb and Poore, or either of them, to have dealt so unconscionable as was informed of, to cause them to make satisfaccion to the petitioners or to certifie us if they should obstinatelie refuse so to do. Forasmuch as somme of the said Commissioners having taken great paynes therein have returned their certificat unto us of their whole proceedinges in the cause, whereby it appeareth that notwithstanding their endeavours the differences between the said parties are not accorded and ended by them, which nevertheles we thinck might much more convenientlie be governed and ordered by somme good waie of composicion rather then be left to the tryall of law, the persons being many and diverse of them verie poore whome the cause doth concerne, wee have therefore thought good once againe to committ it to somme such persons as may end the controversie without suite of law, and do thincke that if you will take the paynes to heare and consider of it somme good may be donne for the setling and ordering of the right that the poore men do claime, and for redresse of the wrong by whomesoever the same shall appeare to be donne. Wee do therefore praie you at your best leasure to bestowe some tyme in the hearing of this cause betwixt the said Erasmus Webb and Thomas Gough together with the rest unto whome it appertayneth, calling before you the said Webb and Gough and all others whome you shall thincke meete to be heard as parties or witnesses for your better proceedinges heerein, and upon dew informacion and knowledg of the cause to sett down such order betwixt them as you shall finde agreable to equitie and good conscience, which if they or any of them on either part shall refuse to observe, wee desire to be certified thereof by you, that wee may consider of some farther course for the partie or parties that shall appeare to be wronged. And so, &c.

A testamentary case.

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22 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescu.

An Irish
pensioner.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp. Whereas this poore man, Patrick Downey, had a pencion of xij^d. *per diem* graunted unto him heretofore by Sir William Russell, knight, then Lord Deputy of that realme, which the said Downey hath informed us to be now denyed him by you, whereuppon wee referred the consideracion of his complaint to the said Sir William Russell, who hath returned his opinion (indorsed uppon the suppliant's petition, which wee send you hereinclosed) that the said pencion is dew and ought to be continued according to his graunte. Wee have bin therefore moved to write these our letters unto you in the poore man's behalfe, praying and requiring you to continew the payementes of the said pencion unto him from henceforthe, or otherwise if you knowe sufficient reason to restraine the same, to certefy us thereof, that wee maie answeere him as there shalbe cause if hereafter he renew any further complaint unto us therein.

23 June, 1598.

Discharge of
the Guernsey
Jurates.

Whereas Nicholas Martin and John Effard, late Jurates of the Isle of Guernzey, have made their apparaunce and given their attendaunce on the Lordes and others of her Majesty's Privy Counsell according to bondes of them taken by Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of that Island, and are now dismissed by their Lordships' order of any further attendaunce for that cause, uppon the request of the said Martin and Effard this remembraunce notifying their apparaunce, attendaunce and dismissal as aforesaid is heere recorded for their indempnities and discharge of their bandes.

24 June, 1598.

Appearance
before the
Council.

This daie Richard Bellamy of Uxendoll in the countie of Middlesex, esquire, having bin sent for by their Lordships'

warrant hath made his apparaunce accordinglie, which for his indempnitie is heere entered in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned to give his attendaunce on their Lordships at their meetings in Counsaile, and not to departe untill by their honours' order he shalbe dismissed.

A letter to the Lord Bishopp of Lincolne, Sir Henry Crumwell, knight, and Oliver Crumwell, esquire. Wee do understand by a letter that wee have receaved from you (bearing date the 16 of this instant) the care you have taken to bring graine in that countie to a more reasonable price for the releefe of the poore, and although it seemeth by your letters that your endeavours have taken little effect by the evill disposicion of somme lewd persons that seeke their immoderate profitt by engrossing and transporting graine out of that countie, whereby you have found the people in so great discontentment as they have bin readie to breake foorth into somme great disorder, nevertheles the paynes of your Lordship and the rest heerein is no whitt the lesse to be commended, and wee do praie you earnestlie to contynew the same. And forasmuch as you have certefied us of one notorious offendour in this kynd, namelie one William Baxter of Calcott, whome you have committed to prison, and have desired to receive some order and direccion from us concerning him and his offence, wee have thought good that the said Baxter shall be brought up hither unto us and that his graine shall (by some order to be given by you) be laied up in safe custodie untill wee have taken farther knowledg heere of his offence and do give somme other direccion for the disposing of it. Wee do therefore pray and require you to cause him to be sent up unto us in company of this Messenger (the bearer heereof), and together with him such particular examynacions or informacions wherewith he may be charged, that thereupon wee may take order for his punishment according as he shalbe found to have deserved, and for the preventing of like disorders and offences in that countie heereafter. So wee bidd, &c.

Scarcity in
Lincolnshire.

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23 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Earl Marshall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

An appeal
from Jersey.

A letter to Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, John Perin, Giles Lamprier, Hillarie Dumaresque, Philip Journeaulx and Aaron Meservie, or to any 4 or 3 of them. Whereas Abraham Journeaulx of the Isle of Jerzey hath exhibited the enclosed petition unto us, complayning unto us of some undew course that hath bin prosecuted against him by one Hillarie Hampton, his brother in law, who as guardian to his children in right of their mother commenced suite heeretofore against the said Journiaulx in tyme of his minoritie concerning certaine landes, myll and rents descended from one Thomas Lemprier, whereuppon, as the complaynant informeth us, by ordinarie proceeding in that Court and with the consent of the said Hampton a sentence was given that the landes, myll and rents in question should be divided between Hampton and the said Journeaulx and his brother in such sort as by the petition may appeare. Since which tyme the said Hampton (notwithstanding that sentence) hath renewed his suite against the petitioner when he came newlie to the age of 20 yeares, being then, as he alleadgeth, altogether unprovided of good counsaile to defend his cause, by meanes whereof the saide Hampton obteyned a sentence against him contrarie to the former sentence and agreement. From the which later sentence he hath bin constrayned to appeale and to become a suitour unto us for further remedie, wherein his suite seemeth reasonable and according to the ordinarie course of justice as is signified unto us by Mr. Frauncis Bacon of her Majesty's Learned Counsaile heere, unto whome wee referred the consideracion of his petition.

Wee have therefore thought meete according to his humble suite to commend the farther examynacion and ordering of

this matter unto you, praying and requiring you to call the parties of both sides before you, and after deliberate perusall and consideracion of all particularities and proofes to be produced by either of them, and of the former proceedings and sentence given therein, to accord the differences between them in such sort as you shall thinck most agreable to equitie and good conscience, or otherwise if the said Hampton shall refuse to be ordered by you in this behalf, to take bondes of him for his apparaunce before us within somme reasonable tyme to aunswere the appeale. And so wee bidd you, &c.

24 June.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lordes Justices, Lord Lieutenant Generall and the rest of the Counsaile in Ireland. Donnell MacCartie, sonne to the late Earle of Clancar, hath made humble suite unto her Majestie at his being heere for the obteyning of an estate of inheritaunce in such landes as he holdeth that were his late father's, the Earle's, wherein her Majesty's gracious inclynacion towards him may appeare unto your Lordships by her Highnes' letters written heeretofore in his behalf unto the Commissioners of Munster, whereof wee sende you the copie, and likewise by another letter of her Majesty's now to your Lordships. And where also he hath made further suite to obteyne her Majesty's pardon (having bin now longe under proteccion) for himself and some other of his followers, her Majesty's pleasure is your Lordships shall graunt him a pardon for himself uppon such condicions and assurance as you shall thinck meete and convenient. And for his request concerning his followers your Lordships are to consider thereof, as knowing best the state and

The lands
of the
McCarthyes.

qualitie of them and their offences and how they may deserve the same, and thereupon her Majestie is also pleased there shalbe pardon graunted to so many of his said followers for whome he maketh request as your Lordships and the rest of the Counsell shall thinck to be worthy of the same, in regard of the good opynion you shall conceave of their dutifull cariage and behaviour heereafter, uppon such condicions and bondes for their good behaviour as you shall thinck meete, which referring to your consideracion, wee bidd your Lordships, &c.

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At the Court at Grenwich, the 24 of June, 1598.

Present :

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Mareshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

*Lord Archbishop.	Lord Northe.
Lord Keeper:	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl Marshall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir John Fortescue.

Captain
Malby's
claims against
the Irish
Government.

A letter to the Lords Justices, Lord Lieutenant Generall and the rest of the Counsaile of Ireland. Wee receaved of late from you, the Lords Justices and somme others of the Counsaile there, a letter concerning captain Málbie in aunswere of a letter that before had bin written from us unto you, and at the same tyme there was a petition heere presented unto us by him. Your letter did advertise us of his offence in departing thence without your license, and his petition did crave entertaintment and paie for his service, complayning that

* These names are given in the margin and probably refer to those who signed the letter.

there are somme good summes of money dew unto him but that he could get no payment of them, so as at the same instant your letter charging him with a great fault and his petition demaunding recompence for service meeting together were the more hard to be reconciled. Wee have alwaies conceaved a good opynion of captain Malbie's service, and therefore the charges both of foote and horse that he hath had in that realme have bin committed unto him, but on the other side wee do as much dislike this misbehaviour of his, which wee have great reason certainelie to beleieve, howsoever he hath endeavored before us to excuse it and to cleare himself, and therefore wee have made him know his fault by punishment, having committed him for a good space to prison for the same.

Captain
Malby's
claims against
the Irish
Government.

But forasmuch as wee finde him to be in great want, and he still maketh suite unto us for entertainment (as he affirmeth) dew unto him both for his other service and for the charge of xxxv horse which he had a little before the decease of the late Lord Burgh, and yet by your letter it seemeth that it was then testified by her Majesty's Treasurour there that there was nothing dew unto him, wee have thought it very meete to referr the matter of his entertainment thither againe to be examyned more dilligentlie and certified unto us, that if any such entertainment as he sueth for shall appeare to be dew, or good cause be shewed why he should have such satisfaccion, there may be order taken for the same, for which purpose he commeth over thither at this tyme, and for his comminge wee have given the better oportunitie by the charge of the conduct and transportacion of some men that wee have committed unto him.

It was intended when he was appointed to raise 35 horse and to carrie them into Ireland for her Majesty's service about the moneth of September in the yeare 1596 that he should there have entertainment for them, and if he did his dutie therein and was employed in service how it hath happened that he hath receaved no entertainment for

himself and the said company of horse wee do not well understand. He hath therefore prepared himself to informe your Lordships of the reasons of his demaundes, and wee do praie you (with pardon to him for his offence in neglect of his dutie toward you, for the which he hath bin punished heere) upon good examynacion thereof to consider and certifie us of the same, wherein we do wish the gentleman this reasonable favour, that if it shall happen that he shall not be able to clayme any entertainment by exact and dew accompt of the Treasurer's bookes thorough want of somme order to be taken for his entrance, either by the deceasse of the Lord Burgh, then Lord Deputie, or by any other misfortune, yet if he performed his service as was to be required by (*sic*) him wee may understand from you what satisfaccion may in reason be graunted unto him, where-uppon summe farther course may be taken for his releef. And so, &c.

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Dated 25 June.

Signed as the former, excepting Sir John Fortescue.

Pay for an
absent officer.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp. Whereas captain Henry Poole obteyned licence and pasport from the Lord Lieutenant Generall there about vij monethes past to comme into England for recovery of his health, and for the most part of the tyme since his comming over hath (as wee have bin sufficientlie certified) contynued in sicknes, so as he hath not bin able to retorne to his charge, and since his recoverie hath likewise bin staied heere by us to be used and em-ployd for the conduct and transportacion of somme part of the supplie of men that her Majestie at this tyme is pleased to send into Ireland. Wee do for these considera-cions thinck it very meete and reasonable that favour be shewed him in the allowaunce of his entertainment during his absence, without any checque or defalcacion in respect of his said absence, and do therefore now at his retorne thither (upon his humble peticion in that behalf) commend him and his suite unto you, praying you, in regard that

he is a man of good desert in service and hath not wilfullie or negligentlie absented himself from his charge, to take order that he may be allowed his entertainment during this tyme of his absence for himself, his dead paies and two servants as fullie as if he had bin there attending on his charge, which favour wee thincke meete to be afforded unto him the rather also for a losse that he hath susteyned of late at Athloane, where the towne being by mischance sett on fire, the provant, clothes and diverse furnitures which himself bought for his company were consumed. And so not doubting but he will uppon his returne into that realme shew himself by his good service very woorthy of this favour, wee bidd, &c.

Signed as the letter on the other side before going to the
Lords Justices, &c.

A letter to Sir Anthony Poulett, the Bailiff and Jurates of the Isle of Jerzey. Wee are given to understand that there is latelie risen amongst you in that Isle a question of somme moment towching the transportacion of certaine corne and victualles to the enemye by one Nicholas Lemprier and others, whereof informacion hath bin given by one John Guillame. And because wee do not know how many the same may concerne, wee have thought good before any farther course be taken heerein to referr the examynacion thereof unto Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, your Governour, and to such as he shall call to assist him for the better discovery of the truthe, to the ende that upon their certificat unto us such farther course may be taken for the punishment of the offence as shalbe fitt. Wee could have thought convenient in regard of the nature of the cause to have heard the first hearing of the matter heere before us, but at the request of your Governour and for the ease of the countrie wee have bin entreated to take this course and to signifie this our direccion by our letters, which shalbe sufficient warrant to the Governour to proceede in the examynacion heerein and to certifie us as aforesaid. And so, &c.

Victuals for
the enemy
from Jersey.

21 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Earl Marshal.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Northe.

Sir John Fortescue.

Municipal
troubles
at Hull.

A letter to Mr. Attorney. Wee do hereinclosed send unto you a petition of the Maiour, Aldermen and Burgesses of the towne of Kingstone uppon Hull, wherein you shall finde a complaint made against one William Bower for practising to bringe in question their charter and corporacion for imprisoning a servant of his uppon somme disorder, which having bin donne, as wee are informed, according to the custome by them used heretofore, and not otherwise then for the gouvernement and order of the towne, which cannot be observed unlesse the officers have some authoritie to punishe, wee do think any person worthy of blame that shall for any such private respecte and quarrel be inquisitive into the charter of a towne in such sorte, and goe about thereby to embolden those that are of evill behaviour thorough hope of impunitie. Wee have therefore comanded the partie that presented the petition to attend you with the charter of the towne, and wee do praie and require you to peruse and consider of it, wherein if you shall finde sufficient warrant and authority given them for the allowance of that which they have donne concerning the imprisonment of the said Bower's servante, wee do praie you to give notice thereof to me, the Lord Keeper, that order may be taken for the staye of Bower's suite against them. If not, and the said charter shall appeare to be defective in that behalfe, then to certefy us of your opinion, that some course may be taken to obtayne her Majesty's graunte for the strengthening of the authority of the said charter, that the officers there maie have such power as is meete to punishe offendours. And so, &c.

Sonday. At the Court at Greenwich, the 25 of June, 1598. p. 304.

Present :

Lord Keeper. Lord Chamberlain.

Earl Marshall. Lord Northe.

Lord Admyrall. Mr. Comptroler.

This daie their Lordships have againe heard the cause betwixt Sir Anthony Poulett, knight, and Robert Sherwood of Exceter, and have confirmed a former order of the 12 of Aprill, *anno* 1596, whereby the said Sherwoode's complaintes were founde unjust and Sir Anthony Poulett's innocence approoved, and do further order that Sherwood for his clamour shalbe committed to the Marshallsey and forbidden hence forwardes upon payne of imprisonment not (*sic*) to troble her Majestie or their Lordships in the cause. Two false accusations disproved.

The same daye Robert Brough having unjustlie informed in the Exchequer against George Reynell, esquire, was by the Lordes comitted to the Marshalsey, there to remaine untill he should make a generall release unto Mr. Reynell of all suites or actions, and also untill he paid unto Mr. Reynell all such charges as he had bin at by the said Brough his wrongfull vexation.

Signed and dated *ut supra*.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall. Whereas the Maiour and Aldermen of Norwich have by an humble petition presented unto us in their behalf made complaint that they are greatlie trobled by certaine informers that have put somme of the butchers of that cittie in suite in the Kinge's Bench for killing of flesh within the walles of that cittie, contrarie to an old statute prohibiting the same. Forasmuch as uppon the like complaint heeretofore made unto us in the behalf of the said cittie it appeareth that order was taken by her Majesty's Attorney Generall at that tyme, uppon reference of the matter to him by letters from this Boord, that the informers should be restrayned from any farther informacion against the butchers for the cause above mencioned, in regard that sufficient prooffe was then The complaints of the Norwich butchers.

made that the use of killing of fleshe (as it was ordered) was found no wayes inconvenient, wee have thought good in like sort at this tyme to referr unto you the petition that hath bin now exhibited unto us concerning the same cause, praying and requiring you to consider thereof and of such matter as the petitioners can deliver unto you, as also of the informacion against the butchers, and to take such order therein as you shall finde to be most convenient and most agreable to the use and good government of the cittie. And so, &c.

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Lord Keeper.

Lord Admirall.

Earl Marshall.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to
Barnevelt.

A letter to Monsieur Barnevelt.

Monsieur, estants importunés par les justes requestes de c'est honneste marchand, subject de sa Majesté, Edouard Duncombe, qui a poursuiry long temps une requeste envers les Estats Generaulx pour le remboursement de la somme de 1,900 livres sterlins desboursés par Thomas Brune, virandier es Pais Bas pour les companies a la solde des Estats. Nous ne pouvons moins faire que vous recommander l'affaire de cest honneste marchand, ayant non seulement escrit plusieurs fois en sa fareur par cy devant a Messieurs les Estats Generaulx, mais ausi traicté avec les Deputés qui estoyent icy n'agueres en son endroict, entant (sic) que vous cognoisses l'estat de sa cause, il nous a priés de l'adresser particulièrement a vous pour estre expédié par vostre moyen en sa longue poursuite. Ce que vous prions bien affectieusement de procurer, le pource homme ayant desja consumé long temps en la poursuite de ses justes demandes. Ainsi, Monsieur Barnevelt, prions Dieu vous maintenir en sa saincte garde, de la Court a Greenwich ce 25^e de Juin, 1598.

Appeals from
the Channel
Islands.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Captaine of Guernzey. Whereas uppon humble suite heeretofore made unto us in the behalf of Thomas Beauvoir of the Isle of Guernzey that a cause in controversie between him and

one Peter Beauvoir, his uncle and tutour, of the said Isle concerning a sentence there given on the part of the said Peter against the suppliant might be referred to the examynacion of somme indifferent persons, wee commended the said matter (so brought before us by appeale) unto Mr. Dr. Cæsar, Master of Requests, and to Mr. Fleming, her Majesty's Sollicitour, to be by them heard and ordered, or otherwise to certifie us of their proceedinges, who having accordinglie taken great paynes therein and returned their certificat and opynions what they thincke meete to be perfourmed and observed (for the finall ending of this controversie according to equitie and right), as well by Peter Beauvoir aforesaid and Peter Beauvoir the younger, sonne and heire of Henry Beauvoir, deceased, as also by the said Thomas Beauvoir, the complaynant. Wee have thought good to send the said certificat and order of Dr. Cæsar and her Majesty's Sollicitour unto you, praying and requiring you to take order with all the said parties for the performaunce and observacion thereof to all intents and purposes as is therein specified and according to the true meaning of the same, and for your better assistaunce heerein to call unto you such persons of the said Island as you shall thincke meete, who may joyne with you in this behalf, by whose traveiles wee hope the matter shalbe ended and compounded in such sort as wee shall not neede to be farther troubled therewith. Howbeit if by the obstinacie of either part you shall not be able so to do, wee then require you to returne your proceedings to the said Master of Requests and Sollicitour, and to take bondes of the parties both for their apparance before them within such reasonable tyme as you shall thinck fitt, and for the payment of such summes of money as by the censure of the said Master of Requests and Sollicitour shalbe adjudged due and paiable to either partie (unto whose order and judgements therein the parties by generall consent have voluntarilie submitted themselves) in such manner as by the said certificat and order enclosed is prescribed and sett downe. And so, &c.

Appeals from
the Channel
Islands.

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the Channel
Islands.

A letter to *———. Whereas by our former letters of the last of Aprill, 1596, directed to certaine Commissioners to examyne the differences depending in question between John Perrin, eldest sonne to Hugh Perrin, and Hugh Perrin, his younger brother, and all other controversies between the said John Perrin and his mother-in-lawe and her children, as well concerning certain howses and landes being heere in England as such porcion of landes and rentes as of right ought to comme and belonge unto the said Hughe Perrin within the said Isle of Jerzey and all other their differences. And the said Commissioners having taken somme paynes therein accordingly, notwithstanding they coulde not proceede to the finall ending thereof in respect that the said Hughe Perrin and his mother refused to shew before them their evidences, right or title concerning the said howses and landes, as appeareth by their proceedinges returned unto us, by which meanes suite is now againe made unto us by both parties for somme order to be taken herein according to equity, wee myndinge therefore, according to their desire and our former intent, to have all their aforesaid differences brotherlie decided and ended according to justice without farther suites or trouble in lawe, and to avoide the great charges and losse of their tyme which might thereof ensue, have thought good, by the consent of Hughe Perrin on the one parte and John Devick, attorney for John Perrin, authorised thereunto as wee have seene, on the other parte, to appointe you or *——— of you for the hearing and determyning of all controversies betweene the said parties, requiring you by vertue hereof to call the foresaid parties before you, and uppon dew examynacion thereof and of all their writinges and evidences to proceede to judgement.

Wherein if you finde requisite to have a consultacion of men of learning and experience. in the lawes of this lande for the finall ending of the differences concerning the said howses and landes within this realme, that then the said John Perrin, for his parte, and the said Hugh Perrin and

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his mother, for the other, to make choyse and nomynate two, unto whome by a certaine daye they shall repaire and bringe their opinion and reporte in writinge unto you concerning that cause, and therein you accordingly to proceede to judgment. And in the meane tyme, untill you shalbe able to make a finall ende betweene them, wee thinke it fitt that the said Hughe Perrin (who hath no other meanes to live and mayntaine himself) be payed and satisfied by the said John Perrin, his brother, of such porcion as you shall finde to be due unto him for the tyme he was under age, and also such other yearly allowance or porcion for the tyme since and in tyme to come, either out of the Seignorie of Rozell or the Riturier rentes as of right he ought to have, and as by the custome and lawes of that Isle is allowed and provided in like causes, so that good assurance be given unto the said John Perrin by his said mother-in-lawe and her children that in case you finde the said John Perrin to have good right and title to the said howses and landes scituate here in England, that his saide mother-in-lawe and her children shall paye the arrerages for the said howses and landes for the tyme they have withholden the same unto the said John Perrin, and he to have the quiett possession thereof in tyme to comme. And for the due perfourmance of all and singular the premisses you shall first take good and sufficient bondes of all the foresaid parties to stande and abide to your order and determynacion, so as wee be no farther troubled herewith. Wherein you maie not faile to proceede with all expedicion. And so, &c.

Whereas Nicholas Martin, William Beauvoir and John Effard, late Jurates of the Isle of Guernzey, have made their apparance and given their attendance on the Lordes and others

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* This order was entred in the 4th leafe going afore, and dated the 23th of June.

26 June, 1598.

This daie .Edmund Wheeler of the citty of London, goldsmithe, having bin sent for by warrant from the Lords of the Counsell to answeare such matters as are to be

Appearance before the Council.

* Original marginal note.

objected against him hath made his apparance accordingly, which for his indempnity is entred in this Register of Counsell, being nevertheles enjoyned to give his attendance and not to departe without speciall licence first had and obteyned of their Lordships.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Essex.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Admyrall.

Sir John Fortescu.

Relief for
a distressed
merchant.

A letter to Sir Philip Parker and Edward Goodwin, esquire. Whereas wee have bin certified that one Robert Barker of Ipswitch, merchaunt, hath of late yeares susteyned great losses and hindaunces by adventures at sea, evill debtours, unhonest dealing of factours and others that sithence are growen bankrupt to the value of 9,000^{li} at the least, whereby he is become behind hand and indebted to sondry persons in diverse summes of money, the payment whereof he is no waie able to make in so short tyme as somme of his said creditours would constraine him, and do (*sic*) that ende do seeke by all extremitie to cast him into prison and to attache and make sale of his goodes farr under value. Forasmuch as we are informed that he would most willingly make everye man satisfaccion to the uttermost peny if he might have reasonable respite of tyme to collect in his owne debts and otherwise to furnish himself as he shalbe able, and this hard course of some few creditours would not onlie tende to the utter ruine and undooing of the poore suppliant but also to the great prejudice and disadvantage of the other creditours that have a more conscionable regard of his estate, wee therefore tendering the releefe of the said Robert Barker in this case for the consideracions before specified, and in regard of the honest meaninge he seemeth to have heerein, have bin mooved to write these our letters unto you in his behalf, praying and requiring you with somme

expedicion to call before you such of his said creditours as he shall nomynate unto you, and to treate with them verie earnestlie in our names and by your owne credittes to forbear the extremitie of law against him, and to yeald to such reasonable composicion and tolleracion of tyme for payment as you shall finde to be aunswerable unto his habilitie and agreable unto equitie and good conscience. Wherein praying you to use your best endeavours, wee bidd, &c.

29 June.

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Earl of Essex.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlan.

Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescue.

A letter to the Lord President and the rest of the Counsell of the Marches of Wales. Whereas complaint hath bin made unto us by one Peirs Lloid, esquire, against Cadwallider Price and John Lewis Owen, Deputie Lieutenants of the countie of Merioneth, that they do goe about to molest and troble him with unjust suites before your Lordship and the rest of the Counsaile of the Marches, thereby intending to restraine and withhold [him] from prosecuting a suite that he hath commenced against them in the Starr Chamber for sondry summes of money imposed and leavied upon the countrie by pretence of her Majesty's service and converting the same unto their owne use, in which respect the said Peirs Lloid maketh humble suite that the said Deputie Lieutenants may not be suffred to take any such advantage against him in the said Counsaile of the Marches. Albeit wee intend not to prevent any due course of justice there by this our letter in the behalf of the petitioner, nevertheles forasmuch as the complaint in the Starr Chamber is a matter of great importaunce and not p. 308. meete to be staid or hindered by any such practise as this petitioner doth informe, wee do thinck this complaint not

The Star Chamber and the Welsh Court of the Marches.

unwoorthy to be regarded and considered of by your Lordship, praying you to take order if it shall appeare in any sort that the said Price and Owen do purposelie goe about by any suites there against the petitioner to withhold him from proceeding in his informacion in the Starr Chamber, or if they shall have any direct and lawfull suites against him which may be staied without any prejudice to good course of justice untill the matter aforesaid in the Starr Chamber be ended, and the detayning of him there by those suites may hinder the prosecucion of the cause in the Starr Chamber against them, that the said suites may be forborne for a convenient tyme, and the Deputie Lieutenants aforenamed may be restrayned from following the same untill they have aunswered to the complaint in the Starr Chamber wherewith they are charged. Howbeit if you do knowe any sufficient cause to the contrarie wee praie you that wee may be certified thereof. And so, &c.

A *post script* added. Upon further informacion unto us that the said Deputie Lieutenantes did and do practize to procure suites against the said Lloid in the names of others, wee pray and require your Lordship to take order that no staie or restraint be made of the person of the said Lloyd to the hinderaunce of the suite in the Starr Chamber untill the same be ended, or untill wee shall by letters from your Lordship be made acquainted therewith and with the cause of the said suites.

29 June.

Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Buckhurst.	Sir John Fortescue.

Victuals for
Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Treasurour. Whereas your Lordship hath order from her Majestie by warrant of her Privy Seale bearing date the 13 of this instant for the issuing out of her Exchequer the somme of 8,000^{li}. for a proporcion of victuall to be sent into Ireland for her service, of which

said 8,000^{li} the somme of 2,000 hath bin already paid and delivered unto John Joles of London, merchaunt, John Wood of London, gentleman, and George Beverley of Chester, gentleman, to make readie a part of that provision according to a bargaine that hath bin made with them by us. Forasmuch as it is needefull that with all speede a farther supplie and proporcion of victuall be made and sent thither, wee have in like manner agreed with the said John Joles, John Wood and George Beverley foorthwith to prepare and put in readynes another proporcion of victuall to serve 4,000 men for 2 monethes more then was intended by the former provision. And because they are to receave imprest for the same that the service may be with the more speede accomplished, wee do pray your Lordship to give order for the payment and deliverie of 2,000^{li} unto the said John Joles, John Wood and Georg Beverley by vertue of the Privy Seale above mencioned, and this our letter signed by six of us of her Majesty's Privy Counsaile shalbe your Lordship's sufficient warrant. And for performance of their bargaine your Lordship may be pleased to give like direction and order for assuraunce on their part as was required of them uppon the former payment, and as your Lordship shall thinck convenient. And so, &c.

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Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.

Sir John Fortescu.

A minute of letters to the Archbishoppes, Bishoppes and Deanes and Chapters of the severall Diocesses hereunder written. Whereas your Lordship is to paye to her Majestie at or before the last returne of this present Tearme of the Holy Trinity the first payement of the first subserie of three subseries graunted by the cleargie at the last Parlament within your Dioces. Forasmuch as the

The Clergy
and the
Subsidy.

* All these letters were sent to Sir John Fortescue by Ferrers, the Messenger.

importance of her Majesty's affaires is presently such as her Highnes for the weale and suertie of her realme shall have occasion to use great summes of money, wee having her Majesty's expresse comaundement for the purpose have thought meete and do in her Majesty's name require your Lordship that, all delayes and excuses sett aparte, you do make or cause to be made undelayed payement thereof in the Receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster within the tyme aforesaid, whereof your Lordship maie not faile, as you tender her Majestie's service and will avoide the blame and danger that maie growe by the contrarie. And so, &c.

Bishopes.

Lord Archbishop of Yorke.	Lord Bishop of Hereford.
Lord Bishop of London.	Lord Bishop of Worcester.
Lord Bishop of Duresme.	Lord Bishop of St. Asaphe.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	Lord Bishop of Bath and
Lord Bishop of Rochester.	Wells.
Lord Bishop of Coventry	Lord Bishop of Lincolne.
and Lichfield.	Lord Bishop of Norwich.
Lord Bishop of Meneven.	Lord Bishop of Chester.
Lord Bishop of Peterborough.	Lord Bishop of Chichester.
Deane and Chapter of Exeter.	
Deane and Chapter of Salisbury.	
Deane and Chapter of Bristoll.	
Deane and Chapter of Oxford.	
Deane and Chapter of Bangor.	
Deane and Chapter of Elye.	

29 June.

Lord Admyrall.	Lord Northe.
Lord Chamberlain.	Lord Buckhurst.

Sir John Fortescue.

The profits of a prize.

A letter to Andrew Studley, Alexander Peynton, John Hopton, Aldermen, William Dudson and John Young, or any of them. Whereas wee understand by Richard

* Original marginal note

Beeston, Maiour of the towne of Southampton, that by vertue of a commission directed to him and you, the said William Dudson and John Young, out of her Majesty's High Court of Admiraltie concerning a prize of certaine suga[r]s brought in by William Gresham, esquire, and others, after a division thereof made there were certaine articles of agreement, covenants and promises sett down under all your handes for the payment of a certaine summe of money unto the said William Gresham, which you have neglected to paie, and suffer the said Richard Beeston to be sued and molested at the common law by the said William Gresham for the same. And forasmuch as we are credibly informed that a good part of the said goodes came to your handes, whereby you have receaved a great benefitt, these are therefore to require you, on the behalf of the said Richard Beeston, for avoyding his farther molestacion by the said William Gresham, that you foorthwith upon sight heereof make such dew satisfaccion and performance of the said summe of money as in right according to the true meaning of the said articles of agreement you ought to do, or ells that you and everye of you do appeare before us to aunswere the premisses and to stand to such order therein as wee shall thinck meete and convenient. And so willing you to have care thereof, wee bidd you, &c.

30 June.

Lord Archbishop.

Lord Northe.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chancelour.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen of the citty of London. Wee have written our letters sondry tymes heretofore unto the Lord Maiour for the tyme being and the Aldermen and likewise very lately unto your Lordship and the rest in the behalfe of one Gerson Wilford, that due satisfaccion might be made unto him of

An old
claim still
unsatisfied.

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such recompence and allowance as he maie justly demande for the service wherein he was imployed by the citty in the Portugall Voyage in the year 1589, but wee have neither receaved sufficient answeere concerning the same, neither doth it appeare that the said Wilforde's demandes are in any sorte satisfied. Whose humble petition being renewed unto us and the demandes for the moste parte seeming very just and reasonable, both in respect of the contract and bargaine that (as he informeth us) was made with him for his allowance and entertaynment, and also in regard of the misfortune he had to be hurte and maymed in that service and his former course and means of living to be abandoned and loste by that imployment, wee cannot but tender his humble suite so much as once againe to move you very earnestly to take order for due and competent satisfaccion unto him. And forasmuch as by his petition he hath signified unto us that the lett and hinderance thereof doth rest in somme fewe of you, the Aldermen, wee do therefore require you either to yeld or agree to somme reasonable and just allowance whereby he maie be satisfied, or elles that you and every of you that shall refuse the same do make your repaire before us to shew sufficient cause and reason to the contrary. Howbeit wee hope that you will now at length so well consider thereof as the petitioner shall neede to make no further complaint, nor wee have cause to finde any fault with you in his behalfe. And so, &c.

Ultimo Junij.

Lord Archbishop.	Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Keeper.	Lord North.
Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Earl of Essex.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Admyrall.	Sir John Fortescue.

A Jersey
appeal.

A letter to the Captaine and Bailiff of Jerzey and to Aron Messervy, her Majesty's Attorney, or to any two of them. You shall understand that complaint hath bin made

unto us and an humble petition presented by John de Cartrett of the Isle of Jerzey, gentleman, against one John du Maresque of the same Isle, whereby he informeth us of great wronge and disturbance offred him by the said John du Maresque, who during the minoritie of the suppliant compelled some of his tenaunts of the mannour of Vincheles, which he holdeth of her Majestie *in capite*, to do certaine services to him, the said John du Maresque (being at that tyme Bailiff and Cheef Judg of the Isle), and by that meanes and other colourable devises practizeth to usurpe the title thereof to himself, contrarie to all right and equitie (as is alleadged) and to the breach of an auncient order set downe many yeares since by King Henry 8 in the behalf of the suppliant's auncestors, confirming their interest thereunto. The particular circumstances and manner of the wrong donne unto him may appeare unto you by the petition heerein-closed, which having bin by us referred to the consideracion of her Majesty's Learned Counsaile, and report brought back unto us by her Majesty's Sollicitour subscribed that it is meete that the wronge should be examyned and ordered by you, the Captain and Bailiff of the said Island, rather then by the Jurates there, in regard the most part of them are coparteners and neere kinsmen to the said John du Maresque, wee have therefore accordinglie made especiall choise of you for this purpose, and do require and charge you with some convenient expedicion to call before you all parties whome this cause may concerne, and uppon perusall and considerate informacion of the tenures and charters to be produced on both sides, to take such order for redresse of the wronge complayned of as in justice and equitie you shall finde cause and in such course as shalbe agreable to the lawes and custome of the said Island. Whereunto if the said John du Maresque shall refuse to shew himself conformable, wee require you by authoritie of these our letters to take good bondes of him for his apparaunce before us within some short and reasonable tyme, and to certifie us of your proceedings and opynions concerning this cause. And so, &c.

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appeal.

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The collection
of the Loan.

A minute of letters to the Collectours of the Loane to her Majestie in the severall counties following. Understanding that you have paide to her Majestie the somme of *——— for the Loane in the countie of Dorset, and that there are yet divers of the better sorte that have not paide the somme required by their Privie Seales, amounting to a good somme of money, for the which you have noe knowledge of anie dischardge from hence for the same, and thereby (as we do heare) you have bene and are at great travill and chardges in sending up and downe to their howses for the money, and yet cannot procure the payment thereof to her Majesty's use, theise are therefore to require you to prefixe a daie certaine to all such as have Privie Seales, and be not to your knowledge here dischardged, to make their undelaied payment of the somes required by their Privie Seales. And in case anie of them shall by contempt obstinatlie refuse this order or to conforme themselves to what you shall in good reason appoint them to do for the better service of her Majestie herein, then you shall take bond of them to answere their contemptes before us of her Majesty's Privie Counsell at a daie certaine by you to be appointed, and if anie person shall refuse to be bounde according to these letters you shall certefie their names to us at the daies appointed for their apparance, before which daie you shall likewise signifie unto us the manner of their ill behaviour and contempt herein, so as at the tyme of their apparance such order maie be taken with them as their contemptes and delaies in this so necessarie a service to her Majestie and the realme deserveth. And we have thought good to have a spetiall care that all such Privie Seales as have bin delivered by you to anie persons within that countie and be dischardged, that the same be brought in to the Clerke of the Privie Seale, so as noe Privie Seales be left in anie person's handes, lest hereafter they maie be abused to charg her Majestie, and further that you do admitt no discharge of any of them but by warrant from hence. And so, &c.

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Counties.	Collectors.	Messengers.	The collection of the Loan.
Wiltes -	- Edward Hungerford, esquire	}	David Atkinson.
Southampton -	- Sir Thomas West -		
Berkes -	- Sir Thomas Parrie -		
Sommersett -	- Sir Hugh Portman -		
Cornewall -	- Sir Frauncis Godolphin -	*_____	
Dorsett -	- Sir Rafe Horsey -		
Devon -	- Sir George Carie -	*_____	
Oxford -	- Sir William Spencer -	}	Richard Ferrers.
Wigorn -	- Sir Henry Bromley -		
Glocester -	- Sir Henry Poole -	}	Robert Tison.
Hereford -	- William Rudhall, esquire -		
Salopp -	- Frauncis Newport, esquire -		
Stafford -	- Walter Bagott, esquire -	}	John Lee.
Cheshire -	- Sir Hughe Cholmeley -		
Lancashire -	- Sir Nicholas Mullineux -		
Warwick -	- Robert Burgoine, esquire -	}	Christopher Porter.
Buckingham -	- Thomas Tasborough, esquire -		
Bedford -	- Humfrey Fitzwilliams -		
Northampton -	- Sir Edward Mountague -	}	Thomas Finnett.
Hartford -	- Sir Arthur Capell -		
Cambridg -	- Sir John Peyton -		
Huntingdon -	- Robert Beville, esquire -	}	Georg Cobham.
Leceister -	- Thomas Cave, esquire -		
Derbie -	- John Manners, esquire -		
Rutland -	- Sir John Harrington -		
Nottingham -	- John Stanhope, esquire -	}	*_____
Lincolne -	- Sir Georg St. Poole -		
Yorke -	- Thomas Scudamore, esquire -		
Durham -	- William Clopton, esquire -	}	Richard Uvedall.
Norfolk -	- Nathaniell Bacon, esquire -		
Suffolk -	- Sir Robert Jermyn -		
Essex -	- Sir John Peter -	}	Bartholomew Thwaites.
London -	- Alderman Lowe -		
Middlesex -	- John Barne, esquire -		
Kent -	- Sir John Leveson -		
Sussex -	- William Goring, esquire -		
Surrey -	- Sir George Moore -		

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Sonday in the forenone. At the Court at Grenewich,
the second of July, 1598.

Present:

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Cecill.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord North.	th'Exchequer.

Public
burthens
at Coventry.

A letter to the Maiour and Aldermen of Coventrie. Whereas order hath bin given by her Majestie for the leavie of 150 men in the countie of Warwick to be sent forthwith for her service into Ireland, the charge whereof appertayneth unto the whole countie and every part thereof, so as your cittie, though it be a particuler countie in it self, may not looke to be exempted from the same, wee do therefore pray and require you, as you regard her Majesty's service, to take speedie order that there be no impediment or just cause of delaie in the leavying and setting foorth of the said 150 men by any scrupulous and unnecessary question or controversie towching your libertie and charter, but that you do joyne with the countie at large in a reasonable and due proporcion toward the leavie of the said number of men and toward the arming and furnishing of them, which wee doubt not but you may do without any impeachment unto your charter and libertie, considering that it is not required that the Comissioners of the Musters or any others that have to do with that service in the countie at large should entermeddle within your cittie with the muster of your men or with the leavying of them or of the money, but that you should within your selves make readie such a competent proporcion as belongeth unto your particular libertie, and joyne the same with the rest of the charge that apperteyneth to the countie at large. Heereof wee have written to you heeretofore, and do therefore thinck it so much the more inconvenient that you do renew questions and

doubts concerning the same, which wee pray and require you to proceede in at this tyme and at other tymes of like service without any more controversy, so as there may be no fault justlie imputed unto you in that behalf. And so, &c.

A letter to Sir Edmund Anderson, knight, Lord Cheife Justice of the Common Pleas. Whereas one Nicholas Goodin doth bringe his accion against John Day, constable, and John Grobham, baylife of Charde, in the Court of Common Pleas for taking up of two post horses for one John Howard that was sent by warrant from the Lord Thomas Howard and the Lord Mountjoy from Plymouth for some occacion for her Majesty's service to ride poste, and he very lewdly, beinge on his waye, did beate the guide and went awaye with the horses. Forasmuche as the baylife and constables did, as in lyke cases ys used, take up those horses by warrant and authority, and thoughe he that had the warrant did abuse the same, yet there ys no fault in the constables, therefore, consideringe how prejuditall this case maye be to her Majesty's service, wee do pray your good Lordship that you will cause a staye to be made of the proceedings before you a convenient tyme, and in the meane season Howard maye be founde and compelled to make sattisfaccion to the parties that doe ow[n]e the horses, &c.

Posting
grievances
in the West.

A letter to the Bishop of Lyncolne, Sir Henry Cromwell, knight, and Oliver Cromwell, esquier. Whereas upon letters from your Lordship wee sent for William Baxter that he might be charged with the ingrossing of the pease stayd by your Lordship and his leud demeanour before you, wee do sythence understand by Mr. Vernon, Victualler for the towne of Barwicke, that six score quarters of the foresayd pease ys to supply the want of the towne, and therefore wee pray your Lordship the same may be delivered to such persons as Mr. Vernon shall appoynte to receyve the same. For the resydue of the pease or other grayne in those vessells stayd by you, wee pray your Lordship and the rest to take order the same may be sold at reasonable prices

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The scarcity
in Lincoln-
shire.

to the poorest sorte of the people by such porcions as may releive their necessityes. And where in your letter you do complayne that divers dysobedient and covetous persons that use to transporte or ingrosse grayne do threaten the constables and other officers that according to our dyreccion do stay and sell the same in the marketts at a reasonable rate to the poore people, your Lordship shall do well for the brydeling of their lycentyous humours to bynd them to appeare before us to answeare their contemptuous behavvour and to send hether the particular matters wherewith they are charged, that some exemplar punishment may be layd upon them, whereby others of lyke stubborne nature may be warned to carry themselves in a more dutyfull course. And so, &c.

Postscript. Baxter is detained here by us, because wee meane to inflict some further punishment upon him.

An unfinished
entry.

An open warrant to all her Majesty's publiq

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Forgery of
the Lord
Admiral's seal

A letter to Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Fowler, esquieurs. Wee perceave by your letters the paynes you have taken to examine that lewd fellowe Garrat Swift, by whose confession Thirkill ys charged to have practysed him to procure the making of the seale of our very good Lord the Lord Admyrall, and that the same should have served to coulour certayne persons beyond the seas. Because Thirkill was lately sent over hither from Flushing, being knowne to be a fugytive and a person trusted by the preysts and traytours beyond the seas, you shall examine him very strictly to what end he procured the seale to be made and who they were he meant to convay out of the realme by that meanes, and to examine Champney, the preyst, wherein (*sic*) Garrat Swift doth confesse to have acquaynted with the matter, upon such poynts as you shall thincke necessary. For wee are credibly informed that they had a meanes to counterfeyt his Lordship's hand and to use the seale for other purposes, which yf they will not confesse voluntarylie you may lett them know that some other course shalbe taken to compell

them to declare the truth of their lewd intencions. So expecting your care herein, wee, &c. July 3, 1598.

A letter to my Lord Thomas Haward and the Lord Montjoy touching the taking up of post horses. Whereas upon your Lordship's returne from the seas the last sommer you gave order by a warrant to one John Heywood (*sic*) to take up post horses, who very lewdly went away with them, and the bayliffe and constables of the towne of Chard, who by vertue of your Lordships' warrant tooke up two horses, are by the partyes that ought (*sic*) them prosecuted at the common lawe, and the matter already ys brought to judgement. In regard that you gave your warrant to such a lewd fellowe, wee pray your Lordships to take some course amongst your selves to satisfye those partyes whose horses were taken, that the constables and bayliffe of Chard may not be dampnified in shewing their forwardnes to obey your Lordships' warrant. So, &c.

Posting
grievances
in the West.

A warrant to John Wolke, Marshall of Ostend, for transportation of Don Francisco d'Aquillur Alverado, Governour of the towne of Dunkerke. Whereas Don Francisco, &c., was sent hither, where he hath remayned theis three quarters of a yeare with great charges and expences, for which regard and humble suyte made by him to be sent to Ostend, where he wilbe nearer to his freyns and the better and speedyer meanes may be wrought for his raunsome, her Majestie ys pleased that you, having the charge of him here, shall see him transported safely from hence under your charge to Ostend, to be delivered there to Sir Edward Norreys, the Governour of that place, to be kept and dysposed of by him, wherein theis shalbe your sufficient warrant. Dated the 3^d of July, 1598.

The Spanish
Governor of
Dunkirk.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer to pay unto captayn Skipwithe, being a capitain of 100 men in Ireland, having now the chardg of the conduction of 400 soldyers from Chester, by way of imprest out of the treasure that is now to be sent into Ireland his intertaynment for two monethes, to be deducted out of his wages, &c.

The Irish
reinforce
ments.

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Appearance
before the
Council.

This present daie Nicholas Lemprier of the Isle of Jarsey beinge sent over hether by the Justices there to answer a certaine matter that was to be objected against him entered his apparaunce, and was willed in their Lordships' names to give his attendaunce, and not to depart till leave were graunted him by their Lordships.

Sunday. At the Court at Greenewich, 9^o July, 1598.

Present, the

Lord Archebishopp.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lorde Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Secretarie.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Chauncellour of
Lord Northe.	the Exchequer.

A Worcester-
shire quarrel.

A letter to the Lord Cheefe Baron and the rest of the Justices of Assize for the countie of Worcester, &c., whereby they were required to call before them Stephen Lyttleton and John Lyttleton with others of their companies before them (*sic*) at thes Assizes in that countie, whoe (as informacion was given against them by John Dudley, esquire, brother to the Lord Dudley) had commytted divers outrages and violences against the said Mr. Dudley, &c., as by the inclosed peticion plainly might appeere unto his Lordship, &c., and yf the informacions fell out to be true, to take order the offenders should be punyshed accordinge to their deserts and that the gentlemen might goe in securitye.

9th of July, 1598. Signed by the

Lord Keeper.	Lord Northe.
Lord Treasurer.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary, and
Sir John Fortescue.	

Repayment of
Loans raised
in Ireland.

Whereas by vertue of her Majesty's warrant of Pryvie Seale bearing date the ixth day of June last past you have at

this presente receyved the somme of twelve thousand pounds, which ys appointed to be carryed into Ireland and there to be yssued in weekly lendings for certayne monethes past. Now for that by letters from the Lords Justices and Councill of that Realme of Ireland wee are advertysed that they have bene constrayned for the necessytie of her Majesty's servyce to take up divers great sommes of money which they have borrowed of sondry persons, theis are therefore to require you out of the foresayd treasure now receyved by you to make payment to the persons under wrytten of the sayd sommes so borrowed and due to them, without taking any allowaunce for the same, taking into your handes the bills and reckonings whereby yt may appeare that the said sommes have beene borrowed and ys due to the fore sayd persons, with their sufficyent acquittances for the receipte thereof. And for your so doing this shalbe your sufficyent warrant and dyscharge. From the Court, &c.

Repayment of
Loans raised
in Ireland.

To the Agent for the Corporacion of Dublin for so much borrowed of them - - - - -	}	m ^{li.}
To Thomas White of Dublin, or his assignee, for so much borrowed of him - - - - -	}	iiij ^{cli.}
To Garret Yonge, Alderman of Dublin, for the lyke (<i>sic</i>) somme borrowed of him - - - - -	}	cc ^{li.}
To Thomas Bishopp, factor for Robert Cutt, an iremonger (<i>sic</i>), as borrowed of him - - - - -	}	vii ^{cli.}
To Robert Cutt, factour for John Churchman of London, as borrowed of him - - - - -	}	v ^{c li.}
To William Denton as borrowed of him - - - - -		iiij ^{cli.}
To William Fininges, merchant of London, as borrowed of him - - - - -	}	cc ^{li.}
Somme -		<u>m m m iiij^{cli.}</u>

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Signed as the warrant next before.

The summer
clothing for
the troops.

A letter to Ury Babbington* and Thomas Bromley, marchants of the citty of London. Whereas the English souldiers that served the last yere in Picardy at the seidge of Amians were sent into Irelande, savinge fower companies that were sent unto Ostend, where they do remaine at this present, whereof there ar two hundreth under the charge of Sir Arthur Savage, knight, and the other three bands of 150 men under the charge of Sir Arthur Chychister, Sir John Brooke and Sir Gerrat Harvey, knightes. Forasmuche as the sommer apparill ys now sent into the Low Countries for the souldiers in those garrisons, theis shalbe to require you to deliver the lyke proporcion of sommer apparell to those fower companies above named as ys appointed for the rest of the English souldiers servinge in the Low Countries, wherein theis shalbe your warrant in that behalf. So, &c.

A letter to the said marchantes of the citty of London above named. There were a thousande men drawne out of the garrisons in the Low Contries the last sommer to serve under our very good Lord the Lord Marshall at the seas, and upon his Lordship's retorne they were placed in the West Countrys, where they as yet doth remaine under the charge of tenn capetaines, six of those companies beinge bestowed two at Faulmouth, two at Plymouth and two at Portsmouth, the which have had from tyme to tyme their weekly lendings and ymprests. Because the sommer apparell ys now to be sent over for those English companies in the garrisons in the Low Countries and theis thousand men were drawn from thence, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall deliver the lyke sommer apparell to theis tenn companies in the West Countries, and for soche nombers as by the late vewe taken by certaine gentlemen of the contry to whome wee did dyrect our letters shalbe founde to be in every bande, whereof you shall receive a note from Master Merredith, the Paymaster of her Majesty's forces. And theis shalbe your warrant in that behalf, &c.

9^o July, 1598.

This day John Broad, cittysen of London, beinge by Appearance before the Council. comaundement from the right honorable the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privie Counsell required to appeare before their Lordships hathe accordingly made his apparance, which ys here entered for his indempnety, and nevertheles he ys injoynd to give his dayly attendance on their Lordships at their meetinge in Counsell, and not to depart untill by their Lordships he shalbe lycensed, &c.

A letter to the Lord Maior of the citty of London to forebeare the seisinge of the Stilyard into his handes The fate of the Steelyard. accordinge to her Majesty's commission untill the sixteene of this monethe of July, and in the meane season that her Majestie would take full resolucion in that matter.

9^o July, 1598. Signed by the

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Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Earl of Nottingham.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Comptroller.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Erll (*sic*) of Essex, Erle Marshall of England. The new garrison on Lough Foyle. Whereas her Majestie hath resolved to send 2 thousand men and 100 horse to Logh Foyle in the North of Ireland under the charge and conduct of Sir Samuell Bagnall, knight. Forasmuche as he hath sett downe a proporcion of municion, powder and other necessities that are to be taken and provided out of the Office of the Ordynance, wee have thought good to referr the scedule preferred by him unto your Lordship, prayinge your Lordship that you will consider of his demaunds and sett downe that proporcion of the severall kinds of municion and other necessities which your Lordship shall thincke meete to be allowed unto him and to be sent to that place, and to cause warrants to

be drawne and sent hither to be signed by her Majesty for the delivery thereof by your Lordship, which wee referr to your Lordship's judgment and consideracion. And so wee wishe your good Lordship right hartely farewell, &c.

11^o July, '98.

Appearances
before the
Council.

This present day Robert De La Barr, John Fortry, Nicholas Hoblon and Arnold Hulls, marchants straingers, being sent for by the comaundement of the Lords and other of her Majesty's most honorable Privie Counsell upon complainte made unto their Lordships by sondry marchants of London, the said parties appeared accordingly, which ys here entered for their indemnities, and nevertheles they are injoyned in their Lordships' names to give their attendance upon them at soche tymes as their Lordships do meete in Counsell, and not to depart untill they shalbe by their Lordships dismissed.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord North.

Mr. Chauncellor of
th'Exchequer.

An escape
from the
Marshalsea.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of York, Lord Bishope of Dursme and Councell established in the Northe. Whereas one Barnaby Barnes by our dyreccion was comitted to the prison of the Marshallseas for an odyous and fowle facte wherewith he was charged in attemptinge to poyson John Browne, the Recorder of Barwick, and afterwarde upon examinacion of the said cause by her Majesty's Learned Counsell yt was thought fitt and ordered by the Court of Stare Chamber that Barnes should be still contynued in prison untill that Court had taken further order therein. Now, forasmuche as the said Barnes by all meanes seekeinge

to fly from due tryall and escape the censure of the said Courte ys broken out of prison and fledd into the Northe Parts (as yt is thought), wee hartely pray your good Lordships and the reste to take order that searche be made for the said Barnes in all those parts within your Commission, dyrectinge your warrants to that effect, to th'end he maye be founde oute and sent up hither unto us, wherein wee pray you to take presente order accordingly. And so, &c.

Monday. At the Courte at Greenwich, the 10th of July, p. 318.
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Present, for[e]noon.

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer.

Afternoon, the Lord Keeper was absent.

Signed by all the Lordes that sate that day with the Lord Threasurer.

A mynute of letters dyrected to the Collectours of the tenthes and xv^{thes} in the severall countyes of the realme. Whereas you be named and certified into the Exchequer to be Collector of the first and second xvth and tenth of six xv^{thes} and tenthes graunted to the Queene's Majestie by the laytie at the last Parlyament, which was due and ought to have bene payd at or before the xxiiijth of June last for certayne hundred lymytts and places in the countye of Rutland, which ys not payd as ought to have beene. And because the importance of her Highness' affayres ys presently such as her Majestie for the weale and surety of her realme shall have occasyon

The collection
of the
Revenue.

to use great sommes of money, which of her most royall and gracyous dysposicion shee most earnestly desyreth may be furnished of her owne treasure, wee having her Majesty's expresse commaundement for the purpose have thought meete and do in her Highnes' name require and straightly charge you that, all excuses and delayes sett a parte, you do with all dilligence and speed collect so much of your said colleccion as you have not already receyved, and make payment and make payment (*sic*) unto the Receipt of the Exchequer at Westminster with all the speed you may, for that the delay thereof will tend greatly to the dysservyce of her Majestie and the realme at this present and the leavy thereof ys usually knowne to be had [by] dystresse. And hereof fayle you not, as you tender her Majestie['s] favour and the service of the realme and will avoyd the uttermost punishment due for the contrary. From the Courte this 10th of July, 1598.

Absconding
debtors.

A letter by way of a warrant dyrected to Mr. Doctor Ceasar, Judge of the Admiralty Court, for the staying of certayne persons from being transported beyond the seas indebted. Whereas wee are informed that Henry Harte and Jeremy Payment have embarqued themselves in certayne shippes of Rotterdam ready to departe for the Indies, being indebted here to certayne persons in the somme of one hundred poundes, and one Thomas Hoode, doctor in phisicke, being entred into bond for the payment of the same, who by reason of their soddayne departure ys lyke to incurre the penaltye of the bond. In regard they have dealt so lewdly wee pray and require you to take present order that the said partyes may be stayd untill such tyme as they shall dyscharge the sayd Dr. Hoode of his bond, and yf they shall refuse so to doe wee require you to enforme us thereof, to th'intent wee may take such further order with them (in the sayd cause) as to us shall seeme fytt and convenyent. So wee bidd you hartily farewell.

July 10th, 1598. Signed by the
 Lord Chamberlaine. Lord Buckhurst.
 Lord Northe. Mr. Comptroller, and
 Mr. Secretary.

Wednesday. At the Courte at Greenewich, the p. 319.
 12th of July, 1598.

Present :

Foornoon and afternoon.

Lord Admyrall.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lords Justices and the Erle of Ormonde, The waste of
 Lieutenante Generall of her Majesty's forces in the realme the army in
 of Ireland, and to the rest of the Councell of that realme. Ireland.
 Althoughe in our generall letters to you in answeare of the
 last letters wee receaved from your Lordships wee signyfiyd
 unto you her Majesty's speciall desire the Englishe souldiers
 sent from hence maie not be suffered as heretofore they
 have bene to dysband themselves and ronne awaie, whereof
 wee doubt not but you will take better care and more
 strict order then heretofore hath bene performed. Nevertheles
 because her Majestie and the contry are at greate chardges
 with newe supplies at this present, both to fill upp the
 decaied bands there and for the further strengthinge of
 her army of English souldiers, wherein yf good order had
 bene taken a good number might now have bene forborne
 and your bands kept more full and compleate with
 Englysh men, whoe partlie by the seducement of some lewde
 souldiers so soone as they arryve there doe convey them
 selves awaie in greate nombers, but cheefelie by the
 negligence and lewde behavior of some of the captaines, [who]
 for theire private and unhonest gaine doe dysmysse the
 Englishe and intertaineinge the Iryshe that lyve for the
 moste parte uppon the country, and by that meanes also
 defraud her Majestie in the musters, because the deficientes
 cannot be supplied with Englishe so easelie as with Iryshe.

The waste of
the army in
Ireland.

Wherein wee have also bene commaunded to let you knowe that her Majestie dothe thincke yt strainge that you have not foreseene how moche her service ys prejudiced by your takinge in of soche Iryshe into her paie as were bound to have served by their tenors els where without chardginge her, and leavinge the country to be spoiled, for yf the captaines had not dysmyssed whole troupes of English together this notoryous perill and mayme to her Majesty's service had not growne, of which she hath commaunded us seryouslie to give you warnynge that the lyke be not commytted hereafter, her Majestie causinge a viewe to be taken of those nombers that have bene sent over from hence within thes two yeeres, seeinge this shamefull and intollerable dysorder, wherewith her Majestie hath just cause to be thoroughlie offended and the countries where they are levied notablie abused and driven to newe chardge.

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For redresse whereof her Majesty hath commaunded us very earnestlie to recommend the reformation of this abuse unto the Lordes Justices and Councell there, and especially to you, the Lorde Generall, requiringe you that the captaines to whome thes Englishe soldiers now sent over or that shall be sent hereafter shalbe dytributed maie be chardged, as they will answeere the same upon their allegeance, not to dysmysse or lycence any Englishe soldier to departe unlesse he be so maymed, hurt, or weekned with sicknes or other infirmyties as he shall not be found able to serve, and that with the privytie and passport of you, the Lord Generall, or in your Lordship's absence of the cheefe commander where that soldier shall be placed, and that captaine that uppon the view of the musters shall not be fownde able to give good accompt of his souldier and that shall offend contrary to this order shalbe cashed and dyscharged in that disgracefull sorte as ys meete for his negligence or corrupt carrynge, and that others maie take better heede by his example. And notwithstandinge thes strict orders, yf anie souldier shall find the meanes to ron awaie the captaine shalbe chardged to take

present order for their apprehencion, that they maie be punished by marshall lawe, wherein yf the captaine doe not his dutie for their apprehencion herein and shalbe chardged with this escape as (*sic*) of the souldier as consentinge thereunto, and yf any souldier shalbe conveyed over hether, then their names shalbe sent to your Lordship by the captaine and so certyfyed unto us and out of what county he was levied, that wee maie take order here for their apprehencion and severe punyshment as the lawe doth appoint in lyke cases.

There would lykewyse straight chardge be given to all maisters and owenors of shippes and other vessells within that realme or that shall arryve there from tyme to tyme that they take no English souldier into their vessells to transport them hether yf they be not maymed, hurt or weakened with sicknes or other greate infirmytie and have sufficient pasport as aforesaid. To thes orders wee praie your Lordships to add what you shall thincke meete and requisyte, consideringe howe yt importes the state of that realme and howe the countries here are often troubled with newe leavies, and that you will see the same dylie executed and the offenders severely punyshed. So wee bidd, &c.

A warraunt to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, to paie or cause to be paid to John Olies, a foote poste that brought letters hether to the Court from Mr. Charles Trevanyon and other Justices of Peace from Plymouth, beinge for her Majesty's service, the somme of three poundes for his chardges in comyng hether and returnyng back with answer.

Warrant for
payment.

July 13, 1598. Signed by the
Lord Keeper. Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall. Lord Northe.
Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary.

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A letter to Sir John Packington, Sir Henry Bromley, knights, and Mr. Ligon, esquire. Whereas wee are enfourmed that the bayliffs and burgesses of the towne of

The Droitwich
saltworks.

- The Droitwich
saltworks.

Droitwich in the countye of Worcester do receyve yearly a great commodytie by the salte pyttes in those partes, and some of them having the last Quarter Sessyons holden in that countye bene called before the Lord Bishop of Worcester and the rest of the Justices of the Peace of the countye to contrybute with the rest of the inhabytants of the said towne in such publique assesments as do concerne her Majesty's servyce and are appointed by the lawes, they notwithstanding (as wee are crediblye enformed) do refuse to contrybute or pay any thing towards those generall assesments for the balleryes or fatte wallings in regard they pay a yearly fee farme to her Majestie for the salt fattes, whereby the burthen of those charges doth lye the more heavye upon the rest of the inhabytants. In regard of the great commodytie they make of those said pyttes and the order taken taken (*sic*) by the Justices therein, wee have thought good to pray and require you that you will call before you the bayliffes and burgesses with occupiers of the salte fatts within the sayd towne, and in our names to will and require them that from henceforth they do yeeld (as they ought to doe) to contrybute for the salte fattes rateably and proporcionablye with the rest of the inhabitants of the towne to such assesments and publique services of her Majesty's as from tyme to tyme there shalbe occasyon to be demaunded of them, whereunto wee doubt not but they will yeeld as good and dutyfull subjects ought to doe. Neverthelesse yf yt shall fall out that they will persist in their formall refusall towards those contrybucions and assesments, or that which shalbe requyred of them in that behalfe, wee thincke yt meete and so require you to take bond to her Majestye's use of such as shall refuse to contrybute ratably and proporcionably to make their apparaunces before us, and to certyfie us what they doo alledge unto you why they should not contrybute as well as the rest of the inhabytants do for their land there, the foresayd fee farme deducted. So wee bidd you hartylie farewell. From, &c.

xijth of Julie, 1598.

Whereas Nicholas Lamprier and Hillary Carteret uppon informacion exhibited against them by John Guillam that they did transporte corne into Spaine were ordered by the Justices of the Isle of Jarsey to repaire hether to answeere the said accusacion before theire Lordshippes, forasmuche as theire Lordships have referred the examynacion unto Sir Anthonie Powlett, knight, Captaine of the said Isle of Jarsey, they were referred unto him, and so were dysmyssed of theire attendaunce and nowe lycenced to depart, &c.

A charge of supplying corn to the enemy.

Thursday fornoon. At the Court at Greenwich, p. 322.
the 13th of July, 1598.

Erle of Nottingham.	Lord of Buckhurst.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Controler.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Secretary.

Friday foornoon. The 14 of July, 1598.

Present :

Erle of Nottingham.	Lord Buckehurst.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Controler.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Secretary.

Afternoon. The same presence and the Lord Keeper.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London to forbear to seaze upon the Howse of the Stilliard untill the 21 of this monethe of July.

The Steelyard.

15^o July, 1598.

This present daye John Windham of Orchard in the county of Sommersett, esquour, and Humphrey Sidenham of Dulverton in the said county, esquour, beinge sent for by order from the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privie Counsell hath made there apparance accordingly, which ys here entered into this Register Booke of Counsell causes, and nevertheles injoynd in their

Appearances before the Council.

Lordships' names to give their attendance at soche tymes as there Lordships do meete in Counsell, and not to depart before leave of the said Lords first obtained.

An entry repeated.

* *Vacat.*

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of York, Lord Bishop of Dursme and Counsell established in the North Partes. Whereas one Barnaby Barnes by our dyreccion was committed to the prisone of the Marshallseas for an odious and fowle fact wherewith he was charged in attemptinge to poyson John Browne, the Recorder of Barwick, and afterwarde upon examinacion of the said cause by her Majesty's Learned Counsell yt was thought fitt and ordered by the Court of Stare Chamber that Barnes should be still continued in prison untill that Court had taken further order therein. Nowe, forasmuche as the said Barnes by all meanes seekeinge to fly from due tryall and escape the censure of the said Courte ys broken out of prisone and fledd into the Northe Partes (as yt ys thought), wee hartely pray your good Lordships and the rest to take order that searche be made for the said Barnes in all those partes within your within your (*sic*) Commission, dyrectinge your warrantes to that effect to the end he maie be founde out and sent up hither unto us, wherein wee pray you to take present order accordingly. And so, &c. Writen before.

* Written before.

15th July, '98. Signed by the

Lord Treasurer.

Lord North.

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Earl of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroler.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Secretary.

The Picardy troops at Ostend.

An open warrant to Mr. William Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Contries. Whereas the English souldiers that served the last yere in Picardy at the seidge of Amians were sent into Ireland, savinge 4 companies that were sent to Ostend, where they do remaine

at this present, whereof there are 200 under the charge of Sir Arthur Savage, knight, and the other 3 bands of 150 men in eche bande under the charge of Sir Arthur Chichester, Sir John Brook and Sir Jarret Harvey, knights, whoe do receive at your hands the lyke weekly imprests and allowances as the rest of her Majesty's forces servinge in the Low Countries, her Majesty's pleasure ys that they also receive the like proporcion of apparell as the other bands do receive of the marchants. Theis are therefore to require you to give direccion to Ury Babbington and Robert Bromeley, marchants, to deliver to theis 4^{er} bands the lyke proporcion of apparell for this sommer, and from henceforthe for every winter and sommer, as other bands of the lyke numbers do receive at their hands, and that for the same apparell so to be delivered you make payment and sattisfaccion to the said Ury Babbington and Robert Bromley from tyme to tyme out of soche her Majesty's treasour as ys or shall come to your hands. And theis, &c.

Signed as before.

An open warrant to Mr. Meredith, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces, &c. Whereas there ware (*sic*) a thousand men drawne out of the garrisons in the Low Countries the last sommer to serve under our very good Lord the Lord Marshall at the seas, and upon his Lordship's retorne they were placed in the West Contry, where theye do yet remaine, distributed into tenn bands under captaines and officers, six at Faulmouth, two at Plimouth and two at Portsmouth, who have received from tyme to tyme their weekly ymprests at your hands. Because the sommer apparell ys now to be sent over for the English companies in the garrisons in the Low Countries and these 1,000 men were drawne from thence, her Majesty's pleasure ys that you give order and direccion to Ury Babbington and Robert Bromley, marchants, to deliver a thousande sutes of sommer apparel to these tenn bands, that ys to say.

The Low
Country
troops in
the West.

one hundreth sutes to eche bande, after the rate of xx^s. ij^d. for eche sute, and to make sattisfaccion and payement to the said Ury Babbington and Robert Bromley out of soche her Majesty's treasurer as ys or shall come to your hands for the same. And these shalbe your warrant, &c.

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Sonday in the forenone. At the Court at Grenewich,
the 16^o of July, 1598.

Present :

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord North.	Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

* Mr. Jhon
Savage made
Commissioner
for the
Musters in
the countie
of Chester.

A letter to the Comissioners for the Musters in the county of Chester to require them to admitt of Mr. John Savage, esquire, to joyne with the rest of the Commis- sioners in the execucion and performance of her Majesty's service from tyme to tyme, as her Majestie may have occacion to require the same, &c.

Signed by all the Lords that sate that day, except
Mr. Secretary.

An appeal
from
Guernsey.

A letter to the Bayliffs and Jurats with the Ministers of the Isle of Gernezey. Whereas there hath bene a petycion exhibyted unto us by one Thomasine Coshes, daughter and heyre to Mathew Coshes of the Isle of Gernezey, deceased, informing us that whereas shee being lawfully possessed of divers landes, goodes and chattells, amountyng to a good somme, descended unto her aswell by her father's will as also as heire to her brother, according to the custome of the sayd Isle, certayne persons, namely Edward Effar, James Oliver, &c., with others their confederates, dyd in very ryotous and indyrect manner enter into her

* Original marginal note.

house in the sayd Isle and not only breaking open certayne chests [did] carry away her goodes and money to the valew of 2,000^{li}, but conveyed away also divers evydences and wrytings concerning her landes, and shee seeking to defend her possessyons, they dyd (as shee informeth) offer vyolence unto her, hurtyng her in such sorte as she ys dyshabled in her bodye, and sythence theis offences done unto her they (as shee informeth) have by virtue of the specyalties they gotte into thier (*sic*) hands receyved divers sommes of money, tending to the utter undoing of the poore woman. Upon this humble suyte made unto us wee have thought good to recommend this matter unto you, requyring you to call the partyes (agaynst whom shee doth complayne) before you, and to heare and examyne the severall complayntes contayned in the inclosed petycion, and fynding her allegacions to be true, to take such order in the cause as the poore woman may be releyved so farr forth as in equitye she ought to be, and the partyes so offending punyshed yf the informacion be true. Wherein wee requyre you to take presente order in such sorte as wee may no more be troubled with her complaynts. So, &c.

A letter to the Erle of Bathe, her Majesty's Lieutenant p. 325.
in the countie of Devon. Wee have heard at large those Insubordina-
articles wherewith Mr. Richard Champernone was chardged by tion in Devon.
your Lordship and the rest of your Deputie Lieutenantes,
and did cause your Lordship's servaunt to be acquainted
with his answers, and had from him a replie to the same
in your Lordship's name, wherein wee praie your Lordship
to thincke wee hadde that regard to your place and callinge
that was meete to be used in respect of the good care
your Lordship dothe shewe in all thinges concernynge her
Majesty's service. And therefore wee did chardge Mr.
Champernone with neglect of that respect which he ought
to have used to your Lordship in stayinge so longe the
delyverie of our letters and not acquaintinge your Lordship
with other he receaved from us, and in some other publicke

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tion in Devon.

services that he sought to do anie thinge of him selfe without makinge your Lordship privy to the same and receavinge your Lordship's direction as her Majesty's Lieutenante of that county.

Nevertheles in that he sought to augment the number of horsses, havinge chardge of them, by imposinge the fyndinge of certaine horsse upon some persons by him avowed to be able to furnishe the same and that by the lawe, as he informeth, ought to keepe horsses, as wee have fownd fault with him for chardginge of them without your Lordship's privytie, soe on the other side wee cannot disallowe his care to increase the number of horsse, which wee thincke to be very fewe in that country in regard of the largnes and the wealth of the same, consideringe also other counties nere adjoynyng unto you (not so large as your shire) doe find a farr greater nomber. And therefore for the furthuraunce of her Majesty's service wee cann do no lesse then earnestlie require your Lordship (as her Majesty's Lieutenante) to examine this matter very carefully, and yf the habillytie of the parties named by Mr. Champernone be soche as the lawe dothe impose upon them, then order ys to be taken they maie furnyshe the same as they ought to doe, wherein wee doubt not but your Lordship will preferr her Majesty's service before anie other respect whatsoever.

In the other matter that seemeth to have bredd the cheefe discontentment in the gentleman for the two hundredethes of Plympton and Arme, consideringe howe those hundreds doe lye nere to his cheefe mansion howse, beinge betweene him and Mr. Seymour, whoe hath already a regyment, wee thincke yt not convenient that the chardge of the trayned souldiers should be taken from a gentleman of his sorte and commytted to anie other, he havinge so longe tyme (to his great chardges) trayned the same. For which respect and consideringe the gentleman ys of antiquitie in the country and of good reputacion and callinge, and one of whose forwardnesse in all occacions of her Majesty's service

wee nothinge doubt, wee thincke yt fytt for the furthuraunce of her Majesty's servyce your Lordship forthwith doe give order that he maie have chardge of those two hundreds commytted unto him and of the trayned and untrayned bands in the same, to be under his regyment and commaundement, wherein yt ys ordered styll that upon the tyme of apparaunt daunger or landinge of the ennemy he shall repaire with them unto the Forte of Plymouth, to be there at soche tyme under the chardge of Sir Ferdynando Gorges, knight, Captaine of that Forte. And where the gentleman seemeth to yeeld up the chardge of horssemen rather then to forgoe them which lye so fytt for him, wee doe refer him for that chardge to your Lordship's consideracion what you shall thincke fytttest to be done. Wee have also chardged his brother, Arthur Champernone, with the articles objected against him, whoe dothe utterly deny to have had anie purpose or intent to give your Lordship any cause of offence. What other unkindnesses have passed betweene him and others wee could wyshe by your good Lordship's medyacion might be freindlie agreed and taken up, the gentleman beinge a follower of the warres of longe contynewaunce and one that hath borne chardge and place of good reputacion. -

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Lastlie, because wee doe perceave howe thes unkind dyfferences betweene gentlemen of quallitie and that beare office underneathe your Lordship maie breed to further dysturbaunce, faction and divysion in the countrie, whereby her Majesty's service maie receave greate prejudice in countermaundinge that which the other dothe appoint, your Lordship shall doe well (havige aucthorytie over them) to carry an even hande in those occasions, and to seeke by your good medyacion to reduce them to good freindshipp and to agree in those matters which concerne her Majesty's service.

And thus havinge delivered to your Lordship our mynde in this cause wee maie not omytt to note the greate care and vigilance your Lordship dothe shewe by the last letters wee receaved from you in takinge the examynacions of certaine

Iryshemen staid by your order, of which yt ys greatlie to be doubted the elder person ys some Semynary preist. Therefore order would be taken he might be more strictlie examyned, uppon which examynacion wee maie consider what shalbe further meete to be done. So hartilie thanckinge your good Lordship for the paynes and care you tooke therein, wee, &c.

The shops in
the Royal
Exchange.

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This daie the Recorder of London and certaine of the Aldermen and other cyttizens of the Companie of the Mercers beinge before their Lordships in a matter that concerneth the tenauntes and shoppe-keepers of the Royall Exchange, in regard their Lordships had referred that cause by their letters heretofore to Mr. Comptroller of her Majesty's honorable Howshold and Mr. Chauncellour of the Exchequer, their Lordshippes thought yt meete to heare their report and what they had sett downe in wrytinge for the fynall orderinge of that controversy. Wherein their Lordships fyndinge their Honors had proceeded with great moderacion and dyscrecion, their Lordships did allowe and give consent to those articles and order sett downe by them in that matter, and therefore the Aldermen, Recorder and the rest of the cyttizens and also the shoppe-keepers were willed to give their attendaunce on their Honors for the perfectinge and fynishinge of the foresaide agreement, the matter beinge whollie referred to their order.

A contingent
of horse from
the Clergy
for service
in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Archebishophe of Canterbury. Her Majestie seeinge that those meanes of lenytie and forbearaunce that have bene used to reduce the rebells of Ireland to acknowledgment of their offence and obedyence hath not taken effect but increased their pride, ys now purposed with the assystaunce of God Allmightie to subdue them by force, and to the ende (as your Lordship dothe knowe) there are certaine nombers of horsse and foote levied in all the counties of the realme, and thoughe the severall shires be depelie chardged, yet the number of horsse dothe fall out

shorte of that proporcion that ys to be sent at this present, and therefore by her Majesty's direction wee have bene commaunded to assesse uppon the Bishoppes and other of the clergie a competent number, and nevertheles for the ease of them wee have chardged the principall Recusants that are of habillyty with the fyndinge of horsse, and yet thirtie horsse wantinge of the number that ys at this present to be sent thether. Wee have made (as our memory did then serve us) a note howe the same maie be supplied in parte of the Lords Bishoppes and the Deanes, which wee send to your good Lordship, prayinge you to consider of the same and in what sorte the number of 20 maie be furnished out of the Province under your Lordship's jurysdiction by the Bishoppes and clergiemen that are able to beare the same. The other tenn shalbe in lyke manner assessed on the Bishops, Deanes and clergiemen in the Province of Yorke. Wherein wee are to let your Lordship knowe that the last tyme the lyke service was required of them the moste parte of the horsse were so badd by reason of the longe journey they made to the sea side and the negligence of the ryders, and partlie evill chosen, as they were returned back againe, to the greate losse of those that did furnish them and the dysappointment of her Majesty's service, and therefore yt ys now required that there shalbe thirtie pounds sent for every horsse, the furnishinge of the same and of the horsseman that ys to be sent with the same, with which money order shalbe taken to have bothe fytt and serviceable horsse and good furniture provided. Herein wee are to require your Lordship that all possible speed maie be used and the money sent upp unto Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber, within xv^{ten} daies after the recipt of thes our letters, whoe hath order to receave the same and to deliver yt over to soche persons as her Majestie shall appoint to have the chardge commytted unto them. Herein wee doubt not but the Bishoppes and other clergie men will shewe theire forwardnes, consideringe that those

* 30^{li.} for
every horse.

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* Original marginal note.

horsses are to serve uppon that prowde rebell that seeketh also the extirpacion of true religion out of the countrie. So wee wish your good Lordship, &c.

The lyke letter was wrytten to the Lord Archebishopp of Yorke for 10 horsse to be furnished by the Byschoppes, Deanes and clergiemen in the Province of Yorke.

The names of those Bishops and Deans who are charged to furnish the horses.

The Bishop of York	-	-	3	The Bishop of Hereford	2
The Bishop of London	-		2	The Bishop of Landafe	1
The Bishop of Winchester	2			The Bishop of Exeter	- 1
The Bishop of Worcester	2			The Bishop of Chechister	
The Bishop of Rochester	2			The Bishop of Dursme	2
The Bishop of Lyncolne	2			The Bishop of Bathe	- 1
The Bishop of Norwich	1			The Bishop of Coventry	
The Bishop of Bangor					
The Bishop of Peterborow					
The Deane of Powls	-	-	-	1	
The Deane of Canterbury	-	-		1	
The Deane of Dursme	-	-	-	1	
The Deane of Wynchester	-	-		1	
The Deane of Wyndsor	-	-	-	1	
The Deane of Salisbury	-	-	-	1	
The Deane of Chichester	-	-		1	
The Deane of Gloucester	-	-		1	
The Deane of Ely	-	-	-	1	

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July 19th, 1598.

Infantry recruits for Ireland.

A mynute of letters to the severall countyes following. Whereas her Majesty fynding her gracyous disposycion to reduce the rebells of Ireland by some peaceable meanes to obedyence doth not take effecte, ys determyned to take a course for the suppressing of them by force, and therefore hath thought yt needfull for the presente to repayre and strengthen her forces there which are defective with a

supply of some convenyent numbers of men out of this realme, and to send hither also a further number to increase the forces with other souldyers that are to be taken out of sondry countyes of the realme, for which purpose her Majestie by her letters dyrected to you bearing date the xiiijth of this instant hath given you order and aucthorytye to levy, arme, furnyshe and sett forth the number of 100 men out of that county of Nottingham under your Lordship's Leiutenancye.

Infantry
recruits for
Ireland.

Forasmuch as for your better performance of her Majesty's commaundement you are referred to such pertycular dyreccions as you shall receyve from us of her Privye Councell, wee are therefore first to requyre you to have especyall care that good choyce be made of sufficyent able and servyceable men, not admytting any rogues and vagabonds in the number of them, and theis to be furnyshed with good armour and weapon in such sorte as there may be *—— pykes armed with corsletts, *—— musketts and *—— callivers, and moreover to see them provyded and furnyshed of coates to be made of some good strong cloth, and to allowe to every souldyer for conduct money after the rate of eight pence by the day for so many dayes as may serve for them conveyently to marche to the porte of Plimouth, where they are to embarque, and six shillings the day for the conductor after the rate of a capten's wages, at which porte they are to be in a readynes by the tenth of August. And to th'end they may safely and orderly be conducted thither, wee do pray and require your Lordship to make choyce of some fytt and sufficyent person of that countye to undertake the conduccion of them to the porte mencioned, where Sir Samuell Bagnall, knight, ys appoynted to receyve them of the conductours by rolle indented, subscriybed betweene the conductor and him, and to take charge of their transportacion, as also lyke order ys taken for shipping and victuall and for the lodging of the souldyers during the tyme they shalbe constrayned to attend their embarquing.

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And for satysfaccion of the charges to the country for the coates (according to her Majesty's usuall allowance of iiij^s for every coate), and of the conduct money according to the rate above mencioned and the conductours' entertaynment, upon pertycular certyficat to be sent up to me, the Lord Threasurer, what the same doth amounte unto, speedy repayment shalbe made to any such partyes as you shall appoynte to receive the same. Theis things wee pray and require you to see duly performed, and withall to cause trypartyte rolles indented to be made (according to the usuall manner) of the sayd nombers of souldyers and of their severall armes and furnytures, expressing their names, surnames and paryshes out of which they were taken, and to send to us one of the sayd rolles, retayning another to your selfe and delivering the thirde to the conductour. So, &c.

Counties.	Men.		Messingers.
Huntingdon -	50	Lord St. John -	} Hughe Price.
Northampton	100	Sheriff, Commissioners -	
Sommersett -	150	} Erle of Pembroke -	} Robert Browne or
Wiltes -	100		
Hereford -	100	Erle of Pembroke -	John Lee.
	<u>500</u>		
Leicester -	100	Erl of Huntingdon -	} John Putterell.
Lincolne -	150	Lord Threasurer -	
Derby -	100	Earl of Shrowsbury -	} Richard Woodall.
Nottingham -	100	Sheriff, Commissioners -	
	<u>450</u>		

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Dated as before.

Horsemen
also to be
levied.

A mynute of letters for levying of horse for her Majesty's service in Ireland out of the severall countyes following. Whereas her Majestie fynding her gracyous dysposycion to reduce the rebells of Ireland by some peaceable meanes to obedyence doth not take effect, ys determyned to take a course for the suppressing of them by force, and therefore hath thought yt needfull for the suppressing of them by force presente (*sic*) to repayre and strenthen her forces

there which are defective with a supply of some convenient numbers of men out of this realme, and to send thither also a further number to encrease her forces there with other souldyers that are to be taken out of sondry countyes of the realme, and lykewyse to send thither a certayne number of horse to accompany those other souldyers. Therefore as the other countyes of the realme are charged with the levye of footemen, so her Majestie hath thought good to ympose upon that countye under your Lordship's Lieutenancye and the rest of the countyes that doe not furnishe any footemen a certayne number of horse, to which effect her Majestie hath dyrected her letters unto you to furnyshe the number only of *———— at this presente in such sorte as you shalbe dyrected by us of her Privye Councell.

Horsemen
also to be
levied.

Wee therefore consydering in former tymes how the horses that have bene raysed by the severall shires have beene badly chosen, and by negligence of those that had charge to bring them to the sea syde they have be[en] so spoyled and weakened as they were unfytte for servyce, and many of them sent backe agayne, to the losse of the owner and hinderance of her Majesty's servyce, wee have thought yt a better course both for the ease of the country and to have the servyce better performed to require of you to collecte the somme of thirty poundes for the charge of one horse with the furnytur for the same, and the armour, weapon and other necessaryes for the ryder. And this somme her Majestie doth desire, and so wee are requested to require you to take order yt may be gathered and collected amongst the Justyces of the Peace and of gentlemen and farmors of good lyelyhoode and best able to spare the same, so as none do contrybute to this charge under the valew of 10^{li.} in landes and xx^{li.} in goodes, the somme for *—— horses amounting to *——. This money being collected ys presently to be sent unto our loving freynd Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of the Chamber, who hath dyrrecion to yssue [it] out to such as have charge to provyde

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the horses. Herein we are to requyre you to use all expedycion, considering how much yt doth ymporte her Majesty's servyce that the horses be speedylie raysed and sent thither. So, &c.

Counties.	Horsses.		Messingers.
London	- 10	Lord Maior - - -	Robert Tyson.
Kent	- 4	Lord Cobham - - -	
Sussex	- 3	Earl of Nottingham - -	
Surrey	- 2	{ Earl of Nottingham - - Lord Buckhurst - - -	
Middlesex	- 2	Sheriff and Commissioners -	John Mariott.
Dorsett	- 3	Lord Marques - - -	
Southamton	3	Lord Mountjoy - - -	
Essex	- 4	Lord Threasurer -	Thomas Finnitt.
Suffolk	- 4	Sheriff, Commissioners -	
Norffolk	- 4	Sheriff, Commissioners -	
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Bedford	- 3	Erl of Kent - - -	Adam Kinge.
Hertford	- 2	Lord Treasurer - - -	
Buckingham	3	Sheriff, Commissioners -	
Berks	- 3	Lord Norris - - -	
Oxon -	- 3	Sir William Knouls -	Hughe Price.
Cambridge	- 3	Lord North - - -	
Rutland	- 2	Earl of Huntingdon - -	John Putterill.
Yorke	- 6	Lord Archbishop and Counsell	by post.
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Recusants
to provide
horsemen.

A minut of letters of this tennour directed unto sonrdy (*sic*) Recusants whose names ar here under writen. Whereas her Majestie doth send at this present good numbers of souldiers leavied in sondry counties of the realme to supply and strengthen her forces in the realme of Irelande for supresinge of the traytours there, to which ende there are also appointed certaine horsemen to accompanie those foote, whereof some parte ar leavied in certain sheeres of the realme and an other parte ar furnished by the cleargi (*sic*), wee are authorized by her Majestie to require of you the

somme of 3^{li.} (*sic*) for the provicion of one serviceable horse with the necessary furniture bothe for the horse and the ryder, which somme you ar to sende forthwith uppon receipt hereof unto Sir John Stanhope, knight, Threasorer of her Majesty's Chamber, to be imployed for that use. Hereof wee require you not to faile, as you tender her Majesty's favour, &c.

Postscript. You must not faile to paie the monie to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Threasorer of her Majesty's Chamber, within 10 daies after the receipt of theis our letters.

Recusants.	Counties.	Messingers.
Sir Thomas Tresham, knight	Northampton	Hugh Price.
Ferdinando Parris - -	Cambridge - -	
Robert Price - -	Huntingdon - -	
George Cotten - -	Southampton	Rowland Colston.
Gilbert Wells - -		
James Parkins - -	Wiltes - -	
William Wisman - -	Essex - -	Henry Mander.
George Willoughby - -	Northampton	
Roger Martin - -		
Edward Sulyeard - -	Suffolk - -	
Robert Rookwood - -		
Michaell Hare - -		John Lee.
John Talbot - -	Wygorn - -	
Thomas Wilford - -	Worcester - -	
Thomas Throckmorton		
Samuell Love - -	Kent - -	Robert Tison.
John Arundell - -	Middlesex - -	
John Leeds - -	Sussex - -	
John Gage - -		
Richard Owin - -	Oxon - -	Adam Kinge.
John Draycott - -	Staforde - -	Richard Woodall.
William Faukner - -	Wiltes - -	John Marriot.
Thomas Gawin - -		
Richard Rookwood - -	Sufolk - -	Thomas Finnitt.
Humfrey Bedingfeild - -	Norffolk - -	
Henry Norton - -	Suffolk - -	

Recusants
to provide
horsemen.

Corn sent to
the rebels
from the Isle
of Man.

A letter to Sir Thomas Gerrard, knight, Capetain of the Isle of Man. Whereas her Majestie ys informed that the Islanders inhabitinge in the Isle of Man doe use ordynarely to transporte corne into those partes of Irelande where the rebells to (*sic*) keepe, and thereby they ar furnished with the same, shewinge a very lewd dispossicion to give anie helpe or succor to traytours and suche as ar in actuall rebellion against her Majesty, where they should in all honest respects rather seeke to carry the same to those parts where yt might give releife to her Majesty's souldiers that stande in neede of the same. Her Majestie hath comaunded us straightly to charge and commaunde you to take espetiall care and order that from hence forthe no manner of grane be transported out of that Isle under your charge into the realme of Irelande but to suche places and the people as ar knowne to be in due obedience to her Majesty and so as yt may no waye serve for the use of the rebells, and to bringe due certifficate of the unladinge of the same and to whome they do sell their corne, &c.

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Transport for
the garrison
of Lough
Foyle.

A letter to the Maiour of the towne of Plymouth and the Vice-Admirall of the county of Devon. Whereas there are the nomber of 2,000 men leavied in certaine counties of the realme that ar directed to be at that port by the 10th of August next, to be there imbarqued and transported into Irelande under the charge of suche spetiall persons as shalbe appointed to have charge of them, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall cause convenient shippinge to be taken upp and provided to transport the foresaid nomber so soone as they shall arrive there, that they maie take the first opportunity to be transported into Irelande. Wee are to require you to cause a proporcion of victualls to be provided to serve the foresaid nomber of 2,000 soldiers 20 daies in their transportacion, the charge whereof shalbe repaied to suche as you shall appointe to receive the same here by me, the Lord Threasorer, wherein wee require

you to use all care and to agree with the owners of the shippes at reasonable rates for the transportacion of the men to Lough Foyle in Ireland, and to certefy us what they do demaund for the transportacion of the men by pole or tonnage. Lastly, because yt maie happen they shall be occacionned to staye there to attend a convenient wynde and passage, wee doe require you to take order they maie be conveniently lodged and dyeted duringe their abroad there at reasonable rates, so as the same excede not viij^d. for a man for the lodginge and dyet by the day. Herein wee require you to have care, as you tender her Majesty's service and favor, &c.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Whereas your Lordship had order by a warrant of a Privye Seale bearing date the xiiijth of June last past for the yssuing out and payment of the somme of 8,000^{li}. for the furnyshing and provyding a proporcion of vycfualls to be here provyded within this realme and to be sent unto the realme of Ireland, out of which somme of 8,000^{li}. by letters from us your Lordship hath already caused 4,000^{li}. to be payd to John Joles of London, merchaunt, John Wood and George Beverley, gentlemen, at two severall tymes [for] the proporcion that ys to be sent to Dublin, which ys already embarqued, and some parte thereof wee hope ys already landed there. Forasmuch as there ys (as your Lordship doth knowe) another proporcion to be made readye for her Majesty's forces that are to be sent to Lough Foyle, wee are to pray your good Lordship that you will out of the foresayd Privye Seale cause 2,000^{li}. more to be delivered to the foresayd persons for the proporcion of vycfualls that ys to be sent thither to Lough Foyle, and theis our letters according to her Majesty's warrant shalbe sufficyent dyscharge to your Lordship in that behalfe. Wee, as heretofore wee dyd, do pray your Lordship to give order that assurance may be taken of them to performe the servyce they have undertaken.

Victuals for
Lough Foyle.

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Signed by the

Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord North.	Mr. Chaunceller of
Lord Buckhurst.	th'Exchequer.

The
complaints of
the wire-
workers.

A letter to the Maior and Shreifs of the citty of Bristoll. There hath bin exhibited unto us a complaine by the Governours and Companie of the Mynnerall and Battery Workes as well in the behalf of her Majestie as the said Companie, wherein they complaine that whereas Richard Hanbery and Edmund Wheeler, as well by severall orders sett downe by us and sondry letters from us after examinations of the differences betwixt the Governours and Companie of the Mynnerall and Battery Works and them, as also by a late order in Hillery Tearm last in her Majesty's Court of Exchequer uppon a full hereinge of their controversies by judiciall course of law and prooffe of a bargain made by Hanbery with the said Companie, were ordered to deliver or cause to be delivered unto the said Governours and Companie of the Mynnerall and Battery Woorks, their farmours, factours or assignes at the said wyerwoorks, the number of viij^{xx} tonnes yerely of good sound soft and malliable Osemond iron at the price of xij^{li} the tonn, viz.: every six weeks xv tonnes of the said iron at the least, and for the payment of the same to accept a bill of the factour's hands at the said wyerwoorks to be paide within six weekes after the receipt of the same iron, as by the said severall orders maie appeare, for breache of which orders the said Hanbery was at E[a]ster last committed to the Fleete, where he contynueth, most obstinately refuzinge the performance of the same, whereby the said wyerworkes and a great number of poore workemen there do stande without ymployment.

Upon the renewinge of this lamentable complaine by the said poore woorkemen that neither the said Hanbery

nor Wheeller nor anie for them have delivered anie iron at the said wyerwoorkes accordinge to the said orders, by reason whereof the said poore people are reduced to great extremety, redy to goe a begginge and lyke shortly to famishe for want of mayntenance, beinge very well able to get their livings if they might have iron to worke upon in suche sorte as the said Hanbery ys ordered and ought to deliver the same. For redrese whereof and speedy settinge of the poore men to woorke (consideringe the wilfull obstinacy of Hanbery and Wheeler, choosinge rather to ly in prison then to performe our orders and the decree of the Court of Exchequer), wee have thought meete to dyrect theis our letters unto you, requiring you by vertue hereof to informe your selves by all good meanes what quantety of Osemond iron there ys or shalbe founde within the citty of Bristoll and the suburbes thereof which hathe bin sent thither by the said Hanbery or Wheeler or their servants, factours or assignes (beinge made for this purpose and not sould to anie other persone *bona fide*), and out of the same iron that you forthwith deliver or cause to be delivered unto the farmor or factour of the said Companie the nomber of xv tonnes or so muche less as you shall there finde, takeinge a bill of the said farmor or factour's hande for the payment of suche monie for the use of the said Hanbery and Wheeler within six weekes after the delivery thereof as the said iron at the rate and price of xij^{li}. the tonne shall amount unto. For the better performance whereof wee do require and charge all her Majesty's officers and lovinge subjects in the said citty to be aydinge and assistinge unto you in the execucion of the premisses. And if anie person shall refuze or withstande you in the execucion of this dyreccion, you shall by authority hereof cause bonde to be taken of them to her Majesty's use to make their personall apparaunce before us to answere their contemptuous behaviour. Herein wee require you to take presente order accordingly. And so, &c.

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the wire-
workers.

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Signed as the letter going before.

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workers.

A letter to Sir Charles Somersett, knight, William Morgan, esquire, Highe Sherife of the county of Monmouth, Thomas Morgan, Henry Williams, William Rawlins and Robert Woodrofe, esquires, or to anie 5, 4^{er}, 3 or 2 of them. Whereas by sondry orders sett downe by us one Richard Hanbery of London, goldsmith, and Edmund Wheeler, his sonn in law, have bin ordered to furnishe the wyerwoorkes in the county of Monmouth with an hundreth and 60 tonnes of good Osemond iron at twelve pounds the tonn, accordinge to an agreement and bargaine betwene Hanbery and the Governours and Companie of the Mynnerall and Battery Woorkes, untill the bargaine by judicall hereinge should be determined, and whereas now in Hillary Tearme last, upon full hearinge of the cause in the Cort of Exchequer, the said bargaine was approved against the said Hanbery, and thereupon a decree and order was sett downe that the said Hanbery, his executours, administratours, factours, or assignes should duringe xij yeres deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Companie, their farmours, factours or assignes at the said wyerwoorkes the nomber of 150 (*sic*) tonnes of good so[u]nd soft and mallyable iron fitt to make all sorts of iron wyer at the price [of] xij^{li.} *per* tonne, that ys to say, in every six weekes xv tonnes of the said iron at the least, and for his payment for the same to accept a bill of the farmour or factour's hande of the said Companie to be paide within six weekes after the delivery thereof, as by the said decree and order remayninge upon record maye appeare, whereunto he then consented.

Forasmuche as neither the said Hanbery nor Wheeler nor anie of them have hetherto performed anie of these said orders, but beinge committed for their contempt do remaine in prison obstinaty refuzinge to conforme themselves as they ought to doe, and now againe the said Companie and the poore woorkemen in the said wyerwoorkes

havinge by their obstinacy renewed their complaints unto us, the said woorks havinge stoode without iron to worke allmost a quarter of a yere, whereby bothe her Majestie beinge intressed therein and the Companie greatly hindered, and the poore workemen with their famil[i]es (beinge manie) are utterly beggered and undon, and the realme unfurnished with wyer, so as a thousande of her Majesty's subjects will shortly be brought to great extremety for want by staye of their workes whereby they now earne their livings. For theis respects, and consideringe howe the said Hanbery and Wheeler havinge sondry iron woorkes in the county of Monmouth and great quantety of iron redy made do dayly consume the woods in that county in makeinge of other sorts of iron at their owne pleasure, wee have thought good to require you or anie v, iiij, iij or ij of you that forthwith you do sequester and take into your possessions all soche workehouses, watercourses, cole mynes, woods and other necessaries as the said Hanbery and Wheeler have in the said county of Monmouth, togeather with all suche iron as you shall finde there redy made, and to stay all their said workes and woorkemen from makeinge anie more iron or spendinge anie more cole, myne or woode, other then suche as shall be spent and used for the makeinge of Osemond iron to be delivered to the said wyerwoorks accordinge to the said orders, and that you do forthwith deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Companie, farmor or factour at the said wyerwoorks all soche Osemond iron as you shall so take into your hands in suche sorte and at suche tymes as by the said order sett downe in the said Court of Exchequer the said Hanbery ys prescribed to doe, the said Companie payinge for the same in suche manner and sorte as by the said order they ar tyed to doe. And theis our dyreccions wee praie and require you to contynue untill you shall receive other order from us. So, &c.

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complaints of
the wire-
workers.

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19th July. Signed by the

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Earl of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord North.	Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

Appeals from
the Channel
Isles.

A letter to the Justices of the Isle of Guarnzey. Whereas Thomas Beavoir did apeale in a sentance given against him in that Isle on the parte of Peter Beavoir th'elder, his tutour, of whome he sought to have a perfeit inventarie of all the goodes movable and inheritance of William Beavoir, his late father deceased, and the just accoumpts of the administracion of the portion that was to come to him duringe his noneage, wee referred the examinacion of that cause to Mr. Doctor Cæser, one of the Masters of the Requests, and her Majesty's Sollicitor Gennerall, who after diliberate hearinge of bothe parties and their counsaile at large have retorned unto us their opinions in writinge concerninge the same. The which wee send you herewithall, beinge by consent of bothe parties chosen to arbytrate this cause, requireinge you by vertue hereof to call before you the said Thomas Beavoir, complanant, and Peter Beavoir the elder, defendant, and also Peter Beavoir, sonne of Henry Beavoir deceased, (for that he hath voluntarily joyned himself with the said defendant to defende his father's dealinges, who in his liffe tyme was also tutor of the complanant's), and accordinge to the course sett downe by Mr. Doctor Cæser and her Majesty's Sollicitour in their certifficate, without respect of the said centance (*sic*), to proceed to the hearinge of this cause, doeinge your best indeavours aswell to be informed of the state of the complanant's father and the complanant's porcion, as also to examine the tutour's fidellity and dilligence in the administracion of the said porcion, and if you can, to compound these controversies by all good meanes accordinge to justice and the lawes of that countrie.

Which if you shall not be hable to performe, then wee thincke yt meete and so require you to take bands of the foresaid parties for the personall apparance either by themselves or their attornies lawfully authorized before the said Master of Requests and her Majesty's Solicitor by a certaine day to be by you prefixed unto them for this purpose, causinge the said parties to put in suffitient surties (in the forme sett downe in the said certifficate) there in the Isle to stande to the judgment of the said Master of Requests and Mr. Solicitor. Thus recomendinge unto you the orphant's right, wee, &c.

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the Channel
Isles.

Dated and signed as the letter goinge before.

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A letter to Sir Anthony Pawlett, knight, Govornor (*sic*) of the Isle of Jerzey, the Balifes and Jurrats of the said Isle. Wee have heretofore writen unto you in the case of this poor man, John Gulliam, an inhabitant of that Isle of Jersey, in this matter wherein he dothe now complaine, that havinge six yeres past bin used as a meane for the ransome and redemcion of divers the inhabitants of that Isle who were taken at the seas by the Spa[n]yards and kept prisoners in the gallies, this petitioner (as he informeth us) was procured by Sir Anthony Pawlett to send his letters obligatorie to the inhabitants of St. Mallows in Brittagny for the payment of their ransom, whereupon the said prisoners were enlarged. And because the ransome was not paide by the inhabitants of the Isle accordinge to the day appointed and agreede upon betwene the said Gulliam and the inhabitants of St. Mallowes, this suppliant arriving there was stayed with his shipp and goods, and (*sic*) were sould by the inhabitants of that place at an undervalue to his loss, as he alleages, of cc^{li}. and more. And althoughe uppon our letters that require that some good course might be taken for the poore man's sattisfaccion there was order taken to paie him the princypall disbursed by him, he now againe reneweth his complaint unto us in regarde of the great losse he hathe sustayned by the sayle

of his shipp and goods and other hinderances by this cause wherein he entered by comandement of Governour and for the helpe of those poore prisoners, whereupon wee have [been] moved to require you to consider of the demaunds of the poore man and to take some order for his sattisfaccion which in reason and equity ought to be yeilded unto him, that wee maie no more be troubled with these his complaints. Where likewise he dothe complaine unto us that he ys threatned by divers persons for givinge unto us some informacion against them, wee thincke yt meete if the informacion be true that order should be taken for him as he maie goe in peace and securety. So recomendinge the poore man and his causes to your care and regarde, wee, &c.

An appeal to
the Welsh
Council.

A letter to the Erle of Pembroke, Lord President, and the rest of the Counsell in the Marches of Walles. Wee have bin often tymes troubled with very pittifull complaints of this poor man, John Yarnold, whome as heretofore wee did thincke worthy of punishment and reprehencion for his misdemeanours committed against your Lordship and the Counsell there, so consideringe the extremety he ys reduced unto by the occasion of theis troubles, which have afflicted him also in minde, wee could wishe your Lordship and the Councell there would thincke of some meanes howe he might be releived in some matters he dothe pretende a stricte course ys heild against him, wherein, moved in charyty and drawne by his importunity, wee do referr him to your favorable consideracions. And so, &c.

The Steel-
yard.

A letter to the Lord Mayor of the cyttie of London to forbear the seysing of the Stylyard into his hands according to her Majesty's commysseyon untill the xxvth of this moneth of July, and in the meane season that her Majestie would take full resolucion in that matter.

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The towns-
men and the
garrison of
Plymouth.

A letter to the Justyces of Assize in the countye of Devon. Whereas Sir Ferdynando Gorges, knight, Captayne of the Forte at Plymouth, doth informe us that the Maior of Plymouth hath a purpose to indyte at this next Assises

one John Hales, the serjeant of his band, for taking away the stockes in the towne and some feiw deale boordes upon refusall the Mayour dyd make to fynd fyrewood to the ward there, as was promysed in the behalfe of the towne to our very good Lord the Earle of Bathe. Forasmuch as that matter was complayned of before us and grew upon some dyscontentment that happened betweene the Maior and townsemen and the Capten of the Forte, and the sayd Hales dyd not the same of any purpose to steale those things, but upon the refusall made unto him by the Mayor to fynd fewell for the souldyers as they were wont to doe, and wee have taken order betweene the Mayor and the Capten to compound the dyfferences betweene them, wee have therefore thought good to pray you yf any such indytement shalbe preferred agaynst the sayd Hales at theis next Assises that the same be forborne, being a matter followed only upon spleane and stomacke. So wee bidd you hartylye farewell.

Signed the 21 July, 1598, by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord North.

Erle of Nottingham.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary.

A letter to the Lord Threasoerer (*sic*). Whereas there were (*sic*) leavied in sondry counties of the realme and dyrected to the porte of Bristoll to be there ymbarqued and transported for the realme of Irelande, wherein order was given to the Maiour of Bristoll to provide shippinge and victualls for their transportacion and to see them dyeted duringe their aboade there, which he latly performed accordingly and sent us a note of the particullar charges of the transportacion, victualls and dyet of the foresaid souldiers, amounting to the some of 390^{li}, these shalbe to pray your good Lordship according to a Privie Seale graunted for the defrayinge of those charges to paye or cause to be payde unto

The charges
of the
reinforcements
for Ireland.

Thomas Pitt, Chamberlaine of the citty of Bristoll, authorized by the Maiour to receave the same, the foresaid somme of 390^{li.}, wherein theis, togeather with her Majesty's Privie Seale givinge warrant and dyreccion to your Lordship to pay suche sommes of monie for this service as by anie six of us, whereof your Lordship to be one, shalbe sett downe and apointed, shalbe suffitient warrant and discharge to your Lordship in that behalf. So, &c.

Lady
Desmond
and her
daughters.

A letter to the Lords Justices and Councell in Ireland. There hath bene humble suyte made unto her Majestie in the behalfe of the daughters of the Countesse of Desmond, being many of them and, as ys pretended, not able to be maintayned with that allowance her Majestie in her gracyous favour did give unto their mother and them, and they do alleadge that their freyns do forbear to give them that releyfe they otherwyse would do for doubt of giving occaysion of offence in regard of the trespasse of their father. Wherein as her Majestie hath shewed a most gracyous dysposycion to bestowe a yearly stypend on the Lady Desmond towards the mayntenance of her and her children, so her Majestie cann be well contented that any other of their kinsfolkes and freyndes may from tyme to tyme bestowe what they shall thincke good or be willing to do on the yong ladyes for their maintenance and better releife, which her Highness' pleasure ys you shall make knowne unto them as there shalbe occasyon, as her Majestie hopeth the yong ladyes will shew themselves by their dutyfull caryage and good behaviour carefull to deserve this favour. So, &c.

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Lincolnshire
recruits for
Lough Foyle.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer of England. Where by our former letters wee gave order that the 150 men that were to be levied in the county of Lyncolne should repaire to the porte of Plimouth to be [there] the xth of the next moneth, which wee then did thincke fytttest for the furtheraunce of the service, that those numbers that are at this tyme to be sent to Lagh Foile in the realme of Ireland might be imbarqued at one place. Sithence consideringe your Lordship's myslyke hereof, in that those which are to

be levied in that countie of Lyncolne should be driven to marche from all the bredth of the realme, we have altered that our purpose by your good Lordship's advyse, and have ordered that those 150 which are levied in that county shalbe conducted to the porte of Chester, where other nombers levied in other inland counties are to repaire accordinge to the inclosed scedule, referringe your good Lordship for the rest to our letters wrytten at large in this behalfe. And so wysching your good Lordship all health, wee bid, &c.

An other letter to the Lorde Treasurer of Englande. There hath bene a cause of some weight brought us by certaine articles and demaundes exhibited unto us by the Merchaunts Adventurers against certaine straingers and some fewe Englishmen that doe send clothes out of the realme to the river of Ems and river of Elbe. The straingers have made answer to theirre proposicion, and some English merchaunts that are chardged at this tyme to use that trade have also bene acquainted with the said articles, and are appointed to set downe theirre reasons whie they should desire to contynewe that trade in this tyme the Merchaunts Adventurers are forbidden to trafficke into the Empire by the Emperors mandate. And althoughe wee are lothe to trouble your good Lordship at this tyme, your health not servinge you so well as wee do wyshe, nevertheles this beinge a matter of very great weight, in regard of your Lordship's longe experyence and judgment wee have bene bolde to send you the demaunds of the Merchaunts Adventurers and the answeare of the straingers, wherein wee praie your good Lordship after you have perused the same that wee maie have your advyse and opynion what course you thincke meete to be taken in this matter that maie greatlie concerne the state of the realme. In the meane season wee have thought good to restraine bothe the English and straingers to transport any clothe to the foresaid rivers untill the matter maie be further considered of. And thus wee wysch your good Lordship all health, &c.

The Lord
Treasurer's
failing
health.

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Sonday. At the Court at Greenewich, the 23 of July, 1598.

Present :

Lorde Keper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Erle of Nottingham.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Chauncellour of th'Exchequer.

This letter was also signed by the Lorde Treasurer.

The Clerks of
the Council
as Muster
Masters.

A warraunt directed to Willyam Meredith, gentleman, Payemaster Generall of her Majesty's forces in the Lowe Countries. Whereas the Queene's Majesty hath bene heretofore greatlie chardged with the intertaynyng of a Muster Maister, whose office hath bene fownde to serve for lyttle purpose other then to collect the checkes apperinge uppon the bookes and certificates of the Commyssaries for the Musters. For the dymynucion of which charge as also to remove the exaction of the unlawfull chardges and fees taken by the said Muster Master uppon the captaines and companies (a matter prejudiciall to her Majestie and her service), Sir Thomas Wilkes, knight, one of the Clercks of her Majesty's Privy Councell, was by us appointed to receave from tyme to tyme from the said Commyssaries the rolles of the musters and their certificates of their weekelie viewes, and out of the same to collect and certifie unto us the checkes, that thereby wee might the better understande what parte of her Majesty's treasor maie be yerelie saved by the defelcacions of the checkes, and had intertaynment of six shillings and eight pence *per diem* out of his checks for his paynes and imployment therein. And uppon his decease her Majestie hath commytted the lyke chardge unto William Waad, esquire, Clerke of the Councell, to receave those muster bookes and rolles into his handes and to performe that service. These shalbe therefore to require you to paie or cause to be paid to the said William Waad (in regard of his imployment in that behalfe) the intertaynment of six shillings

eight pence *per diem* to be taken out of soch moneyes as shalbe saved uppon the said checkes, to begynn at the three and twentieth of Marche last past, at which tyme the bookes and rolles of musters were by our order delyvered unto him. And this with an acquittaunce under his hand acknowledginge the receipt thereof shalbe your sufficient warraunt in that behalfe.

A letter to the Lords Justices of the realme of Ireland. p. 340.
 Wee have bin moved by the pittifull complainte of two Irishe marchants, Luke Lodowych and Thomas Mony, to recomende there case unto your Lordships. The poore men havinge bin robbed at the seas by a shipp of Rochell, wherein I, her Majesty's Secretary, at my late beinge Ambassador for her Majesty in France did use the best meanes I could to procure them sattisfaccion of their losses, but no course beinge taken therein they have againe addresed themselves unto us to be a meanes, until other order may be taken for their releife, to intreat their creditours to some forbearance and patience with them. Which wee yeilded unto, and do in lyke manner pray your Lordships and the rest of the Counsell there (in consideracion of their great losses) to assist them with your good favours and intreaty to their creditours in those parts to beare with them some reasonable tyme, that they maie the better attende the recovery of their losses, and so be better hable to sattisfy their creditours and releive themselves, wherein they shall do a deede of charety to the poore men and that in the ende maie further their owne sattisfaccion. So recomendinge them bothe unto your Lordships' good favours, wee, &c.

Assistance
for distressed
merchants.

A letter dyrected to Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governor of the Isle of Guernzey, or in his absence to his Leiutennant. Forasmuche as wee have heretofore ordered that John Devick, her Majesty's Procurator in that Isle, should be sattisfied of the Justices of that Isle his costs and charges sustayned in the prosecucion of a cause before us concerninge an offence by them committed

The costs of a
prosecution.

in not comittinge to prison one Nicholas Carye, beinge charged of undutifull behaviour towards her Majestie, for the answeringe of which offence gennerally committed by the said Jurrats Nicholas Martin and John Efforde have bin called before us and have bin by us imprisoned in the Marshallsea. In consideracion that the said Justices do not contribut unto the charge of these suppliants for their ymprisonment, wee have bin moved upon their humble petition to exempt them from the bearinge of anie further charge in contributinge to the expences of the Procurator, and that the said charges so to be answered to Devicke shalbe alltogether sattisfied by the resedeue of the Juratts of that Isle, and hereof wee require you to take notice. And so, &c.

Sir John
Spencer's
contumacy.

An open warrant dyrected unto Sir John Spencer, knight. Whereas when you weare last before us you did submitt yourself to pay the somme of forty-five pounds unto the Florantins that were robbed by the David of London, beinge due for the freight of the said shipp and goods appertaining unto you, and as wee ar informed you deny the payment of that somme, contrary to your promise, whereby the Italianes have renewed their complainte unto us against you. Theis shalbe to will you not to faile to paie the whole somme appointed unto you to be paide accordinge to the order sett downe and as you also did promise, or els that you faile not, all excuses sett apart, to make your personall apparance here at the Court before us to answeere your contempt and breakeinge your worde with us in that behalf, &c.

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The
plundered
Irish
merchants.

An open letter to all and every the creditours of Luke Lodwich and Thomas Money and all other her Majesty's officers, &c. An humble petition hathe bin exhibited unto us by Luke Lodwiche and Thomas Mony, marchants of Ireland, complayninge that a shipp of theres (*sic*) and goods therein laden, amountinge to 600^{li}, was unlawfully taken at sea in retorne of her voyage from Spaine, whether they had lycence to trafficke, by the Rochellers. And althoughe

I, her Majesty's Secretary, beinge Ambassador of late from her Majesty to the Frenche Kinge, amongst other causes concerninge her Highnes' subjects did move the Kinge that sattisfaccion might be made them for their said shipp and goods, yet nothinge hathe bin performed, but they rest as yet unsattisfied. Consideringe therefore the great losses of the subjects and the litle good that hathe as yet bin done them in the prosecucion of their cause, and they beinge yong beginners the losse of this great somme dothe very heavily fall uppon them, wee have bin moved very earnestly to require you and every of you their creditours that you wilbe contented to give them respet of tyme for payment of their debts unto you for the space of one whole yere, in which tyme if by anie of your meanes they should be troubled yt will not onely be a cause for hinderinge the sooner payment of you and the rest of their creditours but prevent them from prosecutinge their said sute, which if tyme be given them there ys no doubt but they shall recover, and thereby paie every one of you that which by them ys owinge unto you. These consideracions have moved us to intreat so farr of you, wherein you shall do good to yourselves and a deede of great charety. And therefore requiringe you [to] conforme yourselves hereunto, wee, &c.

These two letters being of one tennor was signed by all those Lords that satt the last Sonday, with addicion of my Lorde Treasurer's hand unto them.

A letter dyrected unto Sir Robert Sidney, knight, Governor of the Cautionary Towne of Vlishinge. Whereas yt ys thought meete accordinge to an establishment lately sett downe that John Sparhawk, one of the Comissaries for the Musters in the Low Contries who hathe remayned for the most part at Ostend, shalbe removed to Vlishinge to take the charge of the musters of that garrison and the souldiers at the Ramikins, and James Tomkins, now Comissary at Vlishinge, ys to repair

The musters
at Flushing
and Ostend.

The musters
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and Ostend.

unto Ostend to supply the place of Commissary there, for the performance of which service there ys authorety and spetiall dyreccion given to the said John Sparhawk under our hands. Wee have thought good to lett you understande thus muche, and withall to require you to give your best advice and assistance unto the said Sparrhawk for the better execucion of this service, whome wee recomend also to your good favor as one that hathe served her Majesty very paynfully in that place a longe tyme, &c.

A letter of the same tennor dyrected unto Sir Edward Norris, knight, Governor of the towne and garrison of Ostend, requiringe him in lyke manner to give James Tomkins, now Comissary at Flushing, his best advice and assistance for the better performance of his office, beinge appointed to repair unto Ostend to take the charge of the musters of that garrison, &c.

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Signed as the last letters goinge before, with addicion
of my Lord Threasorer.

An open warrant to John Sparrhawk, one of the Comissari[e]s for the Musters in the Low Contries. Whereas by a late order sett downe by us for the takeinge of the musters in the Low Contries amongst other thinges it was ordered that her Majesty's Comissaries in the Low Contries for certain good respects should be removed from one garrison to another, and first the Comissary of Ostend ys to be removed to the garrison of Vlishing. Theis ar therefore to will and require you that after the recipt hereof you do make your present repair to Vlishinge and by vertue hereof receive from James Thompkins, now Comissary there, the muster rolls of the capetaines of that garrison with the enteries, discharges and suche other instructions as he can and ought to give you for the furtherance of her Majesty's service in that behalf, and that you reside there as Comissary of those places as the other did. And he ys to make his present repair also to Ostend, there likewise to remaine as Commissary and to take the musters of that garrison.

And for your better dyreccion in the service you shall observe the orders allredy sett downe for these services, and take spetiall care that before you take the musters you shall from henceforth cause all the companies under your charge to marche to one fitt and convenient place within that garrison, and there carefully to passe your musters accordinge to our former orders that have bin sett downe for that purpose, and not to muster at anie tyme anie companie or parts of companies upon their *corpes de garde* or upon the walls or severall places, whereby her Majestie maie be defrauded aswell of the strengthe of the companies as in her payments and treasor. Moreover you shall not pas[s]e in your rolls of musters anie souldier whose name ys delivered you to be sicke or abroad upon service or otherwise absent without the corporall oathe first taken of the leiutennant, ensigne or serjeaunt and of corporall of the squadron under which the souldiers shalbe placed. Lastly you shall from tyme to tyme orderly and duly send unto William Waad, esquior, one of the Clarke of the Privie Councell, havinge the place Sir Thomas Wilks had, all the books of musters and weekely certificates that you shall make of those garrisons, wherein wee require you to have care for the due performance hereof. And so, &c.

A warrant of the like tennor to require James Tompkins, one of the Commissari[e]s of the Low Contries now remayninge at Vlishinge, to make his present repair unto Ostend, and there to take the charge of the muster rolls, &c., of John Sparhawk, and to remaine there as Comissary of those places untill other directions shall be given to the contrary.

A letter to the Erle of Pembroke, her Majesty's
Lieutenante for the county of Hereford. Where by our late
letters sent unto your Lordship with her Majesty's letters for
the levyng of the number of 100 men within that countie
of Hereford under your Lordship's Lieutenancy, wee gave
direction amongst other thinges that the foresaid numbers
should be sent under the chardge of a conductour to the

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The leader-
ship of the
recruits.

The musters
at Flushing
and Ostr

porte of Plymouth, to be there by the xth of the next moneth of August. Because sithence the wrytinge of our former letters [her Majesty] hath appointed that the captens whoe shall have the leadinge of the men shalbe sent downe into the several shires where the men are levied to take them into their chardge and to see they be chosen of fitt and serviceable men and provided with good armor, weapons and other furniture, wee have thought good to signifye so moch unto your Lordship and to require you to forbear to appoint anie person to conduct them to the foresaid porte as by our former letters you were required, but to deliver them over to this bearer, capten Progers, whoe hath chardge to receave them of your Lordship or of your Deputie Lieutenantes by roll indented to be subscribed betweene them and him, and so to take them into his chardge. For other directions wee referr your Lordship to our former letters. And so, &c.

Two other letters were also wrytten of this tenor to the Erle of Pembroke for the counties of Somerset and Wiltes, out of which county of Somerset 150 men were to be sent to the porte of Plymouth by the xth of August, under the conduction of captaine Burtall, and out of the countie of Wiltes 100 men to be sent to the foresaid port by the former daie mencioned, under the chardge and leadinge of captaine Jennynge.

Recruits to
embark at
Chester
instead of at
Plymouth.

An other mynute of letters wrytten in this forme followinge to the Lords Lieutenants and Commyssioners of sondry counties concernynge other nombers of souldiers be be sent into Ireland. After, &c. Where by our late letters sent unto your Lordship with her Majesty's letters for the levyng of the nomber of *——— men within that county of *——— under your Lordship's Lieutenancy, wee gave dyrection amongst other thinges that the foresaid nomber should be sent under the chardge of a conductour unto the porte of Plymouth, to be there by the xth of the next moneth of August. Uppon consideracion of the

* Blank in the MS.

dystance of the port from that county and the great travaile the souldiers should sustaine in marchinge so farr, her Majestie hath altered her purpose for the sendinge of them to that port, and therefore wee doe now praie your Lordship that the foresaid nomber maie be in a readynes to be sent to the port of Chester, beinge nerer to that countie, so as they maie be there by the xxth of August next followinge. And for that purpose captaine *—— ys appointed to have the chardges of them, p. 344. whoe shall receave the foresaid nombers of your Lordshipe or your Deputy Lieutenants by rolle indented to be subscribed betweene your Lordship or your Deputie Lieutenants and the captaine, and to take the chardge of them to conduct them to the port of Chester according to soche direction as ys given him for that purpose. For the rest wee referr your Lordship to the direction given you in our former letters. And so wee bid, &c.

The scedule of those counties that were to send their men to the porte of Chester by the 20 of August, 1598.

Counties.	Captaines.	Nombers of men.	
Northampton	Capten Trevor	-	100
Huntingdon	Capten Francis Crofte	-	050
Nottingham	Capten Jeffrey Dutton	-	100
Leicester	Captaine Bingley	-	100
Lyncolne	Captaine Roe	-	100
	Capten Crofte	-	50
			150
Derby	Captaine Lee	-	100
		Number	600
Somerset	Capten Burtall	-	150
Wiltes	Capten Charles Egerton	-	100
Hereford	Capten Walter Progers	-	100
			350.

30 of the 150 were to be for Sir Samuel Bagnall.

* Thes men were to imbarque at Plymouth by the 10 of August, '98.

Also the two companies at Portsemouthe, the two companies at Plymouthe and the six companies at Fawlmouth

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† Original marginal note.

of the old souldiers that were drawne out of the garrysons in the Lowe Countries and remained at those 3 severall portes were to be in readynes and to repaire by the 10^h of the foresaid moneth of August to Plymouth, to be imbarqued there with the rest of the souldiers for Ireland, except yt were 50 of the band of Sir Nicholas Parker that were to remaine at Faulmouthe to be as a warde there under his chardge, as with other directions given appereth more at large by the letters followinge.

Somme of the whole numbers of foote - 1,900.

Somme of the number of horsse - - 0,100.

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Transport for
the reinforce-
ments to
Lough Foyle.

A letter to the Maior of Chester. Whereas there are the number of 600 men levied in certaine counties of the realme that are directed to be at that porte by the xxth of August next, to be there imbarked and transported into the realme of Ireland under the chardge of soche captaines as shalbe appointed to conduct and leade them, her Majesty's pleasure ys you shall cause convenient shippinge to be taken up in the porte[s] of Chester and Liverpoole to transporte the foresaid number of 600 so soone as they shall arrive there, that they maie take the first opportunitie of wynd and wether to be transported into Ireland. Wee are also to require you to cause a proporcion of victuells to be provided to serve the said number of 600 souldiers for xv^{ten} daies in their transportacion, the chardge whereof shalbe paied to soche as you shall appoint to receave the same here by me, the Lord Treasurer, wherein wee require you to use all care and to agree with the owenors of the shippes at reasonable rates for the transportacion of the men to Lagh Foile in Ireland, and to certifie us what they doe demaunde for the transportacion of the men by pole or tonnage. Lastlie, because yt maie happen they shalbe occasioned to staie there to attend a convenient wynd and passadge, wee doe require you to take order they maie be convenientlie lodged duringe their aboade there at reasonable rates, so as the same excede not eight pence for a man

for his lodginge and diett by the daie. Herein wee require you to use your accustomed care for performaunce of this service. So, &c.

A letter to the Lords Justices and Councell of Ireland. p. 346.

Whereas Donnell MacCarthy, sonne to the late Earle of Clancarr, hath of late made two humble suyts unto her Majestie at his being here, the one for the obtayning of an estate of inherytance of certayne landes he holdeth that were his late father's, the Earle's, and the other to have her Majestie's pardon for himselfe and his followers. For the first your Lordships and the rest shall understand her Majestie's pleasure by her gracyous letters wrytten at this present unto you, that he shall possesse and enjoye the same landes tyll a perfect survey may be made thereof. For the other her Majestie's pleasure ys your Lordships shall graunt him a pardon for himselfe upon such condycions and assurance as you shall thincke meete and convenyent. And for his request concerning his followers your Lordships and the rest are to consyder thereof, as knowing best the state and quallytie of them and their offences and how they may deserve the same, and thereupon her Majestie ys also pleased there shalbe pardon graunted to so many of his sayd followers for whom he maketh request as your Lordships and the rest of the Councell shall thincke to be worthy of the same in regard of the good opynion you shall conceyve of their dutyfull carryage and behavjour hereafter, upon such condycions and bondes for their good behavjour as you shall thincke meete. Which referring to your consyderacion wee bydd you, &c.

July xxvth, 1598.

Theire Lordshippes upon the submyssion of Richard Hanbury and Edmond Wheeler that Hanbury and he would submytte them selves unto their Lordships' order for the payment of 100^l. *per annum* for nyne yeares to beginne from Mydsommer last to be payd to the Company of the

The
Monmouth-
shire wire-
works.

Mynerall and Battery Workes, and deliver xv tonnes of good Osmond iron without delay upon good assurance to be payd for the same within six weekes after the delivery of the same iron at 12^l the tonne, and for other matters in controversye betweene them to stand to the arbytrament of certayne arbytrators indyfferently chosen by both parties, or an umpier to be chosen by the arbytrators, upon bond given to performe this order by Hanbury and Wheeler, their Lordships (*sic*) are pleased that they both shalbe sett at lybertye, and in the meane season to have the lybertye of the person (*sic*) the better to performe this order. And where Mr. Beale, Clercke of the Councell, did make a mocion to their Lordships that Hanbury and Wheeler might be restrayned not to exceed the making of a certayne quantytie of iron in the countye of Monmouthe, if their Lordships shall understand hereafter upon complaynt that they shall make havocke of the woodes as ys not fytt to be suffered, their Lordships will therein take that course therein (*sic*) as they shall thincke convenyent.

Present in Councell that day:

Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord Buckhurst.	the Exchequer.

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Tewsday in the afternoone. At the Courte at Greenwich,
the xxvth of July, 1598.

Present:

Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary.
Lord Northe.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord Buckhurst.	th'Exchequer.

Old soldiers
for Lough
Foyle.

A letter to Sir Nycholas Parker, knight. You shall understand that her Majestie having occasyon to send a new supply of men into the realme of Ireland hath caused good

numbers both of horse and foote to be leavyed in divers countyes of the realme, whereof some parte are already arryved there and other numbers are appoynted to be embarked at that porte, to be thence transported. And for the further strengthning of her armye there her Majestie hath given order that those tenn companies that are in the Westernne Partes that were drawne out of the garrisons in the Low Countreyes (whereof there are six companies under your regiment at Faulmouth) shalbe also sent thither. For which purpose wee are in her Majestie's name to will and require you to give presente dyreccion to the five companies that are there under their severall captaynes and officers, and fifty of your owne band, to be sent to the porte at Plimouthe, so as they may be there by the tenth of August, there to be imbarqued with other numbers that are appoynted to be at that porte at the same tyme, where there ys order alreadye taken for their transportation unto the realme of Ireland. The other fyfty of your owne band are to remayne there as a warde under your chardge. And yf any of the captaynes under whom they now are shall desire to be spared from this servyce, wee pray you to certyfie unto us their names, that wee may appoynte others to supplye their places. Hereof you may not fayle to take presente order according to this dyreccion and her Majestie's expresse commaundement in this behalfe. So, &c.

Two other letters were also wrytten of the same tenour to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Sir Charles Peirce, knights, requiring them in lyke manner to give dyreccion to the severall companies under their charge that they might be in a readynes also at the porte at Plimouthe by the xth of August, to be embarked there and sent into Ireland with other companies that were appointed to be there at the same tyme.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London. Whereas by our late letters wee dyd require your Lordship to forbear

Seizure of the
Steelyard.

to seaze into your hands the House of the Stillyard in London untill this day, wee now having further advysed of the cause do desire your Lordship to proceede according to her Majestie's commyssion to seaze yt into your hands and to take possession of the same, and neverthelesse to permytte the Aldermen (*sic*) of the Stylyarde and such as have any goodes there to have for the space of x dayes accesse thither aswell for safe keeping of the goodes as removing them, to take out their goods and houshold stufte out of the sayd House. And so, &c.

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* *Vacat.*

Lord Scrope
and the West
Marches.

A letter to the Lord Scroope. Whereas her Majestie ys informed that those orders and constytucions that have bene sett downe and observed in the Borders for the better gover[n]ment and defence of the same are for the most parte broken and neglected, whereby great inconvenyences do divers wayes aryse to the weakning of the Borders and great prejudice of the subjects, her Majesty's pleasure ys your Lordship shall call unto you the cheyfest gentlemen within your Wardenry and aswell to informe your selves of those lawes, constytucions and orders that are broken and not observed, as to consider of the meanes how they may hereafter be better observed, especyally such as concerne the good and quyett gover[n]ment and strength of the same, wherein wee pray your Lordship to certyfie unto us what course upon advysed conference with them you shall thincke meete to be taken therein, that upon due consyderacion thereof wee may take such further order therein as may be thought convenyent. So, &c.

* *Vacat.*

The
Devonshire
trained bands.

A letter to the Earle of Bathe. Wee have beene moved to wryte to your Lordship in the behalfe of John Specott, gentleman, having a charge of one company of foote in that countye under your Lordship's Leiutenancye. The gentleman not being so well able to contynue the charge of the same, his father being yet living and his meanes not great, his humble suyte unto us ys to be eased for the presente

tyme of that charge, and wee do also understand that there are other gentlemen, namely Mr. Prideaux and Mr. Ascham, that are willing to accept the same. Wee do pray your Lordship to bestowe the companye upon one of theis two gentlemen or any other your Lordship shall thincke meete to have that charge. So, &c.

A letter to the Lord Treasurer. Whereas her Majestie hath graunted by a Privye Seale bearing date the xxiiijth of this present moneth the somme of eight thousand two hundreth poundes towardes the payment and satysfaccion of divers Iryshe suytours, captens, merchants, townes corporate and other that demaund severall sommes of money due for vyc tualling of soldyers, for beofes and entertaynment of themselves, their officers and souldyers, which somme ys to be yssued out according to such dyreccion and proporcion as shalbe sett downe by any six of us of her Majesty's Privye Councell, whereof your good Lordship, the Lord Treasurer, to be one. Forasmuch as there ys a divydent and allowance sett downe in a scedule subscribed by us appoynting what somme ys to be payde to every of the foresayd suytours, theis are to pray your good Lordship out of the foresayd somme of viij thousand two hundreth pound to cause the severall sommes mentioned in the scedule which wee send herewithall to your good Lordship to be payd to the parties appoynted to receive the same, causing the Threasorer of Irland's Deputye to take in their bills and reckonings for so much as shalbe payd unto them, with their acquyttance for the same, and to charge the same upon his accompte. Wherein theis (according to her Majesty's warrant) shalbe sufficyent dyscharge to your Lordship. So wee wyshe, &c.

Payments on account of Irish claims.

*The schedule is entered on the other side of the leafe followinge.

* July xxvth, 1598. This letter by the Lord Treasurer's decease was afterwards directed to Mr. Chauncellor of the Exchequer, and is entered x^o August, 1598.

A warraunt to the Keper of the Gatehowse of Westminster to suffer Mr. John Killigrew, prysoner under his chardge, to have the libertie of the Howse, yet to have speciall regard for his safe kepinge.

John Killigrew in the Gatehouse.

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July xxvth, 1598.The Irish
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on account.

A breife dividend of such monie as the Lords have allotted towards the paiment of sondry Irishe suitors that are to be satisfied out of a Privie Seale of 8,200^{li.}.

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	Corke demaundeth -	ccxxij ^{li.} v ^{s.} iiij ^{d.} ,	}	c ^{li.}	dlx ^{li.}
	whereof c ^{li.} ys now allotted for them,	xxij ^{li.} x ^{s.} vij ^{d.} is cleere cutt of and c			
	remains - - - - -	- - - - -			
	Dublin demaundeth -	dj ^{li.} v ^{s.}	-	cc ^{li.}	
	Kelknneye (<i>sic</i>) -	cc ^{li.} xiiij ^{s.} viij ^{d.}	-	lx ^{li.}	
Cap- taines dis- charged.	Sir Richard Bingham	ixclvij ^{li.} vij ^{s.} x ^{d.}	-	cclx ^{li.}	
	Sir Edward Yorke -	ij ^c iiij ^{xx} xvij ^{li.} ij ^{d.}	-	cl ^{li.}	
	Capten Kingsmell -	diiij ^{xx} xvij ^{li.} 17 ^{s.} 6 ^{d.}	-	cciiij ^{xx} li.	
	Capten Edward Rus- sell.	iiij ^c ix ^{li.} iiij ^{s.} ix ^{d.}	-	cix ^{li.}	
	Capten Izodd - -	clxj ^{li.} xiiij ^{s.} iij ^{d.}	-	c ^{li.} , whereof assigned by the Lords to his leiu- tenant, John Gold, for his pay due by the capten's hand, xlv ^{li.}	
	Capten Baker - -	cccxxj ^{li.} vj ^{s.} iiij ^{d.}	-	cl ^{li.}	
	Capten Charles Maunsfeild.	cxvij ^{li.} v ^{s.} v ^{d.}	-	xl ^{li.}	mmd ^{li.}
	Sir Robert Needham	lxxiiij ^{li.} xv ^{s.} v ^{d.}	-	xxx ^{li.}	
	Capten Edward North	ccv ^{li.} xvj ^{s.} viij ^{d.}	-	c ^{li.}	
	Capten Heigham -	dxxxxvij ^{li.} vj ^{s.}	-	respited.	
	Capten Covert - -	cxij ^{li.} v ^{s.} x ^{d.} ob.	-	l ^{li.}	
	Capten Cheston -	ciiij ^{xx} xvij ^{li.} ix ^{s.}	-	lx ^{li.}	
	Capten Pryce - -	clij ^{li.} viij ^{s.}	-	iiij ^{xx} li.	
	Capten Waynman -	iiij ^c li. xix ^{s.} v ^{d.}	-	c ^{li.}	
	Capten Bethell -	ccxlv ^{li.} viij ^{s.}	-	iiij ^{xx} li.	
	Sir John Bowles -	cclvij ^{li.} viij ^{s.} ix ^{d.}	-	l ^{li.}	

Cap- taines dis- charged.	Captayne Evers and capten Morryce, their demaunds have growne due since the tyme of lendings and there- fore the Treasurer of Ireland ys to see them paied out of the money sent for lendinges - - - -			nihil.	} mmd ^{li.}
	Capten Connour Sligo	iiij ^c vj ^{li.} xvij ^{s.} 9 ^{d.}	-	c ^{li.}	
	Capten Lyster - -	dj ^{li.} xvij ^{s.} ix ^{d.}	-	cxxx ^{li.}	
	Capten Willmott upon a recconing due to William Fyning lxiiij ^{li.} ij ^{s.} , whereof allotted for all l ^{li.} , upon another reckoning cxlvij ^{li.} xix ^{s.} x ^{d.} , whereof allotted to White, a merchant, for his full satisfaccion xl ^{li.} , the residue to come to the capten and upon a third reckoning cciiij ^{xx} li xij ^{d.} , whereof allotted to the capten xxx ^{li.} , in all allotted - - - -			cxx ^{li.}	
	Capten Harcourte -	xxiiij ^{li.} viij ^{s.} 6 ^{d.}	-	xx ^{li.} for all.	
	Sir John Dowdall m viij ^c vij ^{li.} v ^{s.} , whereof he is allotted by the Lords ccl ^{li.} , whereof there ys to be payd to John Lake, his souldyour vj ^{li.} -			ccc ^{li.}	
	Sir Richard Trevor -	dccxxv ^{li.} xj ^{s.} v ^{d.}	-	cc ^{li.}	
	Dudley Norton -	xlviij ^{li.} xv ^{s.}	-	xl ^{li.} for all.	
	Par Lane - -	xliij ^{li.}	-	x ^{li.}	
Captens slayne.	Sir John Chichester - ix ^c lj ^{li.} xix ^{s.} 8 ^{d.}			cl ^{li.}	} dxx ^{li.}
	Capten Rice Mauns- feild (<i>sic</i>).	dcxxviij ^{li.} xij ^{s.} 2 ^{d.}	-	clxx ^{li.}	
	Capten Brett - -	cliiij ^{li.} xv ^{s.} ij ^{d.}	-	iiij ^{xx} for all.	
	Capten George Bing- ham.	dclviij ^{li.} xvij ^{s.}	-	cxxx ^{li.}	
	Capten Audley -	lij ^{li.} xvij ^{s.}	-	xl ^{li.} for all.	
	Capten Tyther Par- kins.	ccxxij ^{li.} 16 ^{s.} 9 ^{d.}	-	respited.	
	Capten Parsons	dccliij ^{li.} 6 ^{s.} 5 ^{d.}	-	respited.	

Captens dead.	(Sir Edward Standley by Richard Wade, his attorney -)	ij ^c lvij ^{li.} 12 ^{s.} 10 ^{d.} -	cxx ^{li.}	} ccclij ^{li.}
	Sir William Ashenden	ij ^c iiij ^{xx} vj ^{li.} 14 ^{s.} 10 ^{d.} -	l ^{li.}	
	Capten Deering -	cclx ^{li.} -	lx ^{li.}	
	(Sir Edward Bowes for himselfe and his officers -)	cclxj ^{li.} 8 ^{s.} 3 ^{d.} -	cxxij ^{li.} for all.	

Beoves and corne deliver- ed to the army.	Sir Connyers Clyf- ford.	ij ^m iiij ^c ix ^{h.} xj ^{s.} viij ^{d.} -	m iiij ^c lxix ^{li.}	} ij ^m iiij ^{xx} xiiij ^{li.} x ^{s.}
	Th'Erle of Thomond	iiij ^c lxiiij ^{li.} x ^{s.} -	iiij ^c lxiiij ^{li.} x ^{s.}	
	Mark le Straunge -	xv ^{li.} xv ^{s.} -	xv ^{li.} for all.	
	John Evance -	lxj ^{li.} viij ^{d.} -	l ^{li.} for all.	
	The Lord of Don- kellin.	clvj ^{li.} -	clvj ^{li.}	
	Sara Meredith -	cl ^{li.} -	respited.	

Officers and soldiers dis- charged.	(Lewes Rogers, sur- gion.	cc 36 ^{li.} iiij ^{s.} 8 ^{d.} -	c ^{li.}	} cccxj ^{li.}
	William Mostion -	xlvi ^{li.} xiiij ^{d.} -	xl ^{li.} for all.	
	Leiutenante Harwell	lxxvij ^{li.} vj ^{s.} iij ^{d.} -	lx ^{li.} for all.	
	(Leiutenante Gosnall for himselfe and his officers -)	ciiij ^{xx} iiij ^{li.} 4 ^{s.} ij ^{d.} -	l ^{li.}	
	Robert Wells -	xj ^{li.} -	xj ^{li.}	
	Thomas Dannett -	xxx ^{li.} -	xxx ^{li.}	
	Leiutenante Gould -	xx ^{li.} -	xx ^{li.}	

Mer- chants.	(James Bedloe -	dexxviiij ^{li.} 6 ^{s.} 8 ^{d.} -	iiij ^c xx ^{li.} for all.	} dcelvj ^{li.}
	John Worrall -	dclij ^{li.} ix ^{s.} v ^{d.} -	iiij ^c xxvj ^{li.} for all.	
	John Frithe -	ccxix ^{li.} 18 ^{d.} -	lx ^{li.}	
	Abram Spickerd -	iiij ^{xx} v ^{li.} xiiij ^{s.} 4 ^{d.} -	xx ^{li.}	
	John Conley -	cxl ^{li.} -	xxx ^{li.}	

The Lord of Donsanie, an imprest of - - - cc^{li.}

Captens in pay and old debts.	The Earle of Tho- mond's footeband }	1,787 ^{li.} 20 ^{d.}	-	dxxxvj ^{li.}	} dccccvj ^{li.} x ^{s.}
	Lord of Donkellin -	iiij ^c iiij ^{li.} x ^{s.} vij ^{d.}	-	cl ^{li.}	
	Owen Appewe -	lxix ^{li.} xviiij ^{s.}	-	xx ^{li.}	
	Charles Edgerton -	ciiij ^{xx} 18 ^{li.} 16 ^{s.}	-	c ^{li.}	
	Charles Wallcott for an old debt.	clj ^{li.} xvj ^{s.}	-	l ^{li.} for all.	
	Thomas Smyth for an old debt.	cxx ^{li.}	-	l ^{s.}	
Sum totall of the devision aforesaid }		viiij ^m cc ^{li.} Et equalis.			

This agreeth with the dividant first limited and signed by the Lords and afterward reveiwd and in some parte altered by the right honorable the Lord Buckhurste and Sir John Fortescue, knight.

Signed by the

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurste.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller, and
Lord North.	Mr. Secretary.

Signed by the

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Lord Keeper.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary, and
Lord Northe.	Mr. Chauncellor of
Lord Buckhurste.	th'Exchequer.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallop, knight, her Majesty's Treasurer at Warres in Ireland, and to his sonne, Henry Wallop, esquier, and to Charles Huett, gentleman, or to eyther of them. Whereas upon view and examynacion of the reckonings and demaundes of divers captaynes, merchants and Iryshe suytours there ys allotted parte payment unto some of them, and unto some others, as merchaunts (and such persons as have bought bylles), a parte for the whole, as by the divydent thereof under our handes may appeare,

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which amounteth to the somme of eight thousand two hundred poundes, now appoynted by Privye Seale dated the xxiiijth of July, 1598, for presente payment thereof. Forasmuch as some of them have beene contented to resigne their whole demaund for the presente payment of a porcion thereof, whereby ys saved to her Majestie the somme of mccc^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d., as by a partycular note under our handes and herewith sent unto you may also appeare, theis are to will and require you not only to make payement of the sayd Privye Seale according to the lymytacion of the said divydent, but also upon payment to every one their allotment you take into your hands all the bills, warrants and reckonings of such as have compounded as aforesaid, and thereof to send us a partycular note under your hand acknowledging your selfe to stand chargeable upon your accompts with the said somme of mcc^{li}. 14^s. 4^d (over and besydes the sayd Privye Seale of viij^m cc^{li}). And for your doings herein theis, together with the sayd bills, warrants and reckonings, with suffycient acquyttances to the same, shall be unto you and to the Commyssioners that shall take your accompts suffycient warrant and dyscharge. So, &c.

A note what ys saved to the Queene in the partycular payment made to Iryshe suytours out of a Privye Seale of two (*sic*) thousand two hundreth poundes, some of them being content to resigne their whole demaund for a porcion, the benefytt whereof redounding to her Majestie amounteth to the somme of mccc^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d., which ys to be charged upon the accompts of Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Treasurer at Warres in Ireland.

The inhabitantes of Tradath having due to them iiij ^c liiiij ^{li} . vijs are content to accept cc ^{li} . for the whole, the resydue commeth to the Queene, being - - - -	}	ccliij ^{li} . vijs.
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Corke doth clayme cxxij^{li.} v^{s.} iiij^{d.}, whereof
 c^{li.} is to be now payd them, so as the odd
 money of xxij^{li.} v^{s.} iiij^{d.} may be cutt of
 and the other c^{li.} to remayne - - -

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Treasurer.

James Bedlow, merchant, doth clayme
 dcxxviiij^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.}, whereof to be payd him
 in full payment of the whole cccxx^{li.}, the
 resydue to the Queene - - -

cccviiij^{li.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.}

Robert Hoggin, merchant, assigney for
 Sir Edward Bowes and his officers for
 cclxj^{li.} viij^{s.} iij^{d.}, whereof to be payd in full
 satysfaccion for the whole cxxiiij^{li.}, so
 remaynes - - -

cxxxviiij^{li.} viij^{s.} iij^{d.}

John Worrall, merchant, claymeth
 dclij^{li.} ix^{s.} v^{d.}, whereof to be payd him in
 full satysfaccion of the whole iij^cxxvj^{li.},
 and so remayneth to her Majestie - - -

cccxxvj^{li.} ix^{s.} v^{d.}

Charles Wallcote claymeth clj^{li.} xvj^{s.},
 whereof to be payd him in full satysfaccion
 of the whole l^{li.}, and so remayneth to the
 Queene - - -

cj^{li.} xvj^{s.}

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Willyam Fynning claymeth upon a
 reckoning of captayne Willmott's lxiiij^{li.} ij^{s.},
 whereof to be payd him fifty pound, the
 rest to the Queene - - -

xiiij^{li.} ij^{s.}

Captayne Brett by *—— Wright, his
 assigney, claymeth cliiij^{li.} xv^{s.} ij^{d.}, whereof
 to be payd for all iiij^{xxli.}, the resydew
 commeth to her Majestye - - -

lxxiiij^{li.} xv^{s.} ij^{d.}

Captayne Harcott claymeth to have due
 unto him xxiiij^{li.} viij^{s.} vj^{d.}, whereof he ys to
 have xx^{li.}, and the rest remayneth to the
 Queene - - -

iiij^{li.} viij^{s.} vj^{d.}

Dudley Norton hath due $xlviij^{li.} xv^{s.}$,
 whereof he ys to have $xl^{li.}$ for all, and } $viiij^{li.} xv^{s.}$
 so remayneth to the Queene - - - }

Capten Audley by Doane, his leiuente, }
 claymeth $liij^{li.} xviijs^{s.}$, whereof he ys to have } $xij^{li.} xviijs^{s.}$
 for all $xl^{li.}$, remaineth - - - }

John Evance hath due $lxj^{li.} vij^{d.}$, whereof
 his allotement ys $l^{li.}$, and so there } $xj^{li.} vij^{d.}$
 remaineth to her Majestie - - - }

Willyam Mostian claymeth $xlvi^{li.} xiiij^{d.}$,
 whereof to be payd him in full satysfaccion
 of the whole $xl^{li.}$, and so there remayneth } $v^{li.} xiiij^{d.}$
 to the Queene - - - }

Thomas Harwell, leiuenaunte to captayne
 Collyer, claymeth $lxxviij^{li.} vj^{s.} iiij^{d.}$, whereof
 he is to have for all $lx^{li.}$, and so } $xviij^{li.} vj^{s.} iiij^{d.}$
 remaying to the Queene - - - }

Mark le Strange claymeth $xv^{li.} xv^{s.}$,
 whereof to be payd him $xv^{li.}$, so there } $xv^{s.}$
 remayneth to her Majestie - - - }

Somme totall of all the perticular } $mccc^{li.} xiijs^{s.} iiij^{d.}$
 sommes so saved to the Queene is }

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Wednesday, the 26 of July, 1598. At Greenwich. Afternoon.

Lord Keeper.

Mr. Controler.

Lord Admyrall.

Mr. Secretary.

Lord Chamberlain.

Mr. Chancelour of the

Lord North.

Exchequer.

Lord of Buckhurst.

Scarcity of
 shipping and
 want of zeal
 at Plymouth.

A letter to the Maiour of the towne of Plymouth and the
 Vice-Admyrall of the county of Devon. Wee by [y]our
 letters of the $xxiiij^{th}$ of this moneth wee (*sic*) perceive the
 doubt you have that the quantytie of shipping for those
 numbers that were first appoynted to be embarqued at that

porte will not be found there, and therefore you require further aucthorytie and assistance from us for the taking up of conveyent shipping in the porte[s] of Dartmouthe and Salt-Ashe and other places thereabouts. For which purpose wee send you an other placard aucthorysing you to take up such shippes and other vessells in those portes as shalbe fytt for this service, though by vertue of our former letters, considering yt is for her Majesty's servyce, you might have performed as much, and now a lesse proporcion of shipping will serve, for by our letters you do already understand that *—— of those souldyers that by our former order were to be embarked at that porte are sythence directed to the porte of Chester, so as there shall neede shipping only for 1,300 men at that place.

Scarcity of
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at Plymouth.

And where in your sayd letter you signifie unto us the demaundes made by the owners of the shippes of ij^s. for the tonnage besides the wages and charge of victualls for the marryners, wee marvayle you will send unto us so uncertayne a demaund, whereby wee cannot guesse what this charge may amounte unto. Therefore as formerly wee dyd, so wee agayne do require you to make such agreement for her Majestie for the transportacion of theis men eyther by the pole or by the tonnage, as other *—— have during the lyke occasyons, including all other charges, as your care and indeavour may appeare to make a good bargayne for her Majestie. So lykewyse where you do informe us that the charge of theis provysions will amounte to so great a somme as you are not able to furnyshe the same, by your answeere wee do note that backwardnes and indysposicion in you wee least thought to have found, considering the favour that towne hath lately tasted of in such causes as you had before us and the great wealthe of the same, where Bristowe, Chester and other townes have lately performed the lyke servyce with great willingnes and care and at very reasonable rates, and had presente order for the repayment of those sommes they

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layd out, as her Majestie alwayes in most pryncely manner doth not delay the payment of any money dysbursed for publique service and promysed by our letters. And though you, the Mayour, fynd yourselfe agreived in that you have not as yet receyved the money by you dysbursed for the charges of the Spanyardes that were there, that dysbursement was of another nature and the matter hath bene very negligently solycyted here, and neverthelesse there shalbe order therein taken to your satisfaccion. In the meane season, this service abyding no delay, wee are to require you to proceede with all care and dylligence to the accomplyshing of the same, and there ys a warrant already graunted from her Majestie for the defraying of all those charges. So, &c.

Dated and signed *ut supra*.

A warraunt to the said Maior and Vice-Admyrall of the foresaid county of Devon. Whereas there are the number of xiiij^e souldyers leavyed in sondry countyes of the realme that are forthwith to be sent into Ireland for her Majestie's specyall servyce, and are appoynted to be embarqued at the porte of Plimouthe. Forasmuch as there ys not convenient shipping there in that porte to serve for the transportacion of those numbers, theis shalbe to require and aucthoryse you by vertue hereof to imprest and take up such shippes, hoyes and other vessells to serve for the transportacion of those souldyers as shalbe needfull and convenient in the porte[s] of Dartmouth, Salt-Ashe or any other place in those partes, and to cause them to be at Plimouthe by such tyme as by our former letters you were required, the charge whereof shalbe defrayed (as wee have already signyfyed unto you). Wherein hoping you will take order accordingly, wee bydd, &c.

The light
horse for
Ireland.

A letter to Sir John Stanhope, knight, Treasurer of her Majesty's Chamber. Whereas wee gave direction unto you by order from her Majesty to receave unto your hands suche sommes of money as the Lords Bishoppes and other of the clergie as are appointed to paie unto you, and

some Recusants also of habillitie, and soch other sommes as certen counties of the realme doe furnishe for the providinge of certaine light horsse that are to be sent into the realme of Ireland. For as moch as that service dothe require expedicion, and wee doubt not ere this but some greate parte thereof ys come to your hands, these shalbe to require you to paie or cause to be paied out of the foresaid money (yf so moche be come unto your hands) unto Sir Samuell Bagnall, knight, appointed to provide one hundreth horsse for the service of Ireland, or soche as he shall appoint and aucthoryze under his hand to receave the same, the somme of one thowsand poundes, or so moche as ys allready come to your hands. And his acquittaunce acknowledginge the receipt thereof (together with thes our letters) shalbe sufficient warraunt and dyscharge to you in that behalfe. So, &c.

Allthoughe this letter was entered in this place, yet it bare not date till the 3 of August following, at what time it was sent.

Thes letters bare date 23 of July, but were not sent p 354. away till this daye by reason they were sent to the Lord Treasurer, who by reason of sicknes was not able to signe the same. They were sent away by one Price, a Messenger of the Chancery that did attend for the same.

A mynute of letters to the Commyssioners for the first payment of the Subsidie to (*sic*) the severall counties of the realme, the divicions of the counties of Yorke and Lyncolne and some of the cheefe cyttyes and townes in the realme. Whereas you are appoynted Commyssioners for the assessment of the first Subsydye graunted by the last Parlyament and the statute doth give you divers instruccions for your better dyreccion in advauncing this colleccion, wee have thought good also to putt you in mynde (as heretofore wee have done) of that care wee thincke meete you should use in the performance and furtherance of this servyce,

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considering therefore the excessive charge her Majestie ys daylie putt unto for the necessary defence of her realme and loving subjects both by sea and land, farr greater then any her predecessors have sustayned, and yet theis Subsidies of later tymes have come to farr lesse sommes than those of former ages, which cannot growe but by the remysse and neglect[ful] dealing of such as are the Commissioners for the assessment of the same.

Insomuch as theis Subsidies are graunted in theis tymes wherein her Majestie hath so great and mighty adversaries that seeke the ruine and utter overthrow of her Majestie and this flourishing kingdome, you cannot performe the trust reposed in you nor your duties towards her Majestie and your countrie yf you proceede not in this service with great care and indeavour to advaunce the sommes and assessments as much as may be in assessing all men indyfferently that are of abylltye, without regard of any favour. For yt hath beene noted heretofore that this burthen ys layd on the meaner sorte, who though they contrybute small sommes yet they are lesse able indeede to beare the burthen, and the wealthier and best able to spare the same are to favourably dealt withall, the Commyssioners (for the most parte) bearing one with another, and every of them bearing with their owne private freinds and followers, which fault yt is looked for at this tyme that you will carefully redresse, and not slyghtly peruse (as ordinarylye you doe) your former bookes and rates to ease your selves of trouble and keepe one rate and rule, but informe your selves of the true abylltye of every man, and to see them assessed in some good proporcion as they ought to be.

And because those that are in Commyssion of the Peace and have prehemynence (by that meanes above other) do in the Subsidies seeke to keepe themselves at lowe rates, yt is meant according to the lawe that no Justice of the Peace shalbe seysed (*sic*), under the value of xx^{li}. in lands, and men of great possessions ought to be rated in that proporcion as they do exceed others in habyllitie and livinges. And where

her Majestie ys infourmed of a notable abuse used in that countye and some other countyes of the realme, greatly to the defrauding of her Highnes, that in divers paryshes some few of the poorer sorte are assessed and putt into the Subsydie bookes and the whole paryshe doth contrybute to the payment of the same, this most unhonest fraud wee hope you will reforme in making choyce of persons of abylytye and assessing them in some measure according to their lyvelyhoods and havyour, whereof you are to take specyall notyce.

Lastly wee are to require you to have especyall care in p. 355. the choyce of Collecters, that they may be men both of habyllytie and honest dealing, and that their bondes may in proporcion be agreeable with the charge in their colleccion. Herein yf you would performe your dutyes with that sincerytie and care as you ought to doe, and give good example in not sparing your selves, no doubt the somme of this necessary contrybucion would be greatly increased and her Majestie should not need to require so often Subsydie. Therefore recommending this to your dutyfull care, wee bydd you hartylie farewell.

A letter to the Lord Archbishopp and Councell of Yorke. Wee have receaved instruction (as by the inclosed note may appere unto you) from divers of Newe Castle against Willyam Jenyson, one of the copartners of the grand lease, of whome the one faction and partie (as ys alledged) do meane to make choyce to be Maior of that towne this next yere, contrary also to an order (as they informe us) taken by the late Lord President and the rest of the Councell, whoe thought yt not meete that any grand lessee should be Maior of that towne untill the tyme of tenn yeres were expired, whereof two are yet to come in the grand lease. If thes articles or any of them be true wee thinck him not a mete man to be placed in that roome or to beare any publick chardge, and therefore havinge referred those ca[u]ses concernynge that towne unto you wee have thought good to remytt the examynacion of this informacion also unto

The
municipal
troubles at
Newcastle.

you, whereof wee doubt not for bothe the respects of the exceptions taken unto him but you will have due consideration, and take that order therein that shalbe convenient, that wee may not be troubled with thes kind of complaints. And so, &c.

Sonday. At the Courte at Greenwich, the 30^o of July, 1598.

Present:

Lord Keeper.	Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Lord Northe.
Lord Buckhurst.	Mr. Comptroller, and
Mr. Secretary.	Mr. Chauncellor of th'Exchequer.

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Signed by the

Lord Keeper.	Lord Buckhurst.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary, and
Lord Northe.	Sir John Fortescue.

July 29th, 1598.

The Irish reinforcements.

Instruccions for severall captaines that had charge of the companies leavied in divers counties of the realme for the service of Ireland.

Whereas there are the number of *—— men leavyed in the county of *—— and dyrected to be in that readynes as they may be at the porte of Plimouth by the 10th of August next. Forasmuch as those men are appointed to be under your conduccion and leading as captayne of that band, her Majestie's pleasure ys you shall repayre with all expedycion to the Commyssioners of the Musters in that countye, and by vertue hereof and such letters as wee have already dyrected unto them you shall receyve, by

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trypartyte rolle indented subscrybed betweene them and you, the foresayd number of men sorted with their severall weapons, whereof one parte ys to remayne with the Commyssioners of the Musters, the second with your selfe and afterward to be delivered by you to the Commyssary for the Musters of those companyes, and the third to be sent up hither unto us. The Irish reinforcements.

Before you take the souldyers into your charge you shall take a perfect view of them, and yf any of those souldyers be unable and unfytte for service or his armor or weapons unservyceable you shall reject the same and demaund better in leiwe thereof.

After you have your number compleate you shall march dyrectly to the porte of *——, so as you may be there by the *— of August next, to be embarked with your companye with the first convenyent wynde.

You shall have care after you have receyved them not to chaunge or dysmysse any man unlesse he happen to fall sicke or dysseased in such sorte as he shall not be fytted for servyce.

Lyke care you are to use in your way to the porte to keepe your souldyers in good order and gover[n]ment and to see them use no vyolence or mysdemeanour, nor take any thinge from any person without paying for the same with the conduct money you shall receyve from the said Commyssioners of the Musters after the rate of viij^d. by the day for so many dayes as may serve them convenyently to marche to the foresayd porte.

Lastly, after you are imbarqued you shall dyrect your course towards Knockfergus in the realme of Ireland unto the porte of Olderfleete, whether those companyes that are shipped at *—— are dyrected lykewyse to repayre, and yf you happen to arryve there before the comming of those other p. 357. fleete and companyes, then you shall attend their comminges, as the[y] have the lyke direccion yf they do happen to come

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to that place before you to staye for your arryvall, that you may goe altogether in company unto Laghe Foyle.

Postscript. You shall by vertue hereof require the Commyssioners for the Musters that there maie be three or 4^{er} carpenters amongst those souldiers and a smithe or two, and one mason yf anie maie be had there.

A Deputy
Lieutenant
for the Isle
of Ely.

A letter to the Lord Keeper. Whereas our very good Lord the Lord Northe, Treasurer of her Majesty's Houshold, doth informe us that there ys never a Deputy Leiuenteante to his Lordship for the Isle of Elye, and in regard of his place and attendance here upon her Majestie yt is very necessary there should be a Deputy Leiuenteante appointed for the said Isle, wee pray your good Lordship that you will cause the Commyssion of Leiuenteancye for the Isle of Ely to be renewed, and to appointe and nomynate Sir Henry Northe, knight, to be placed as his Lordship's Deputy Leiuenteante for the said Isle of Elye. And so, &c.

Signed as before.

A complaint
from the West
Marches.

A letter to Thomas Musgrave, esquier. Her Majestie hath beene troubled with the complaynt of Anthony Noble of Bewcastle in the countye of Cumberland, being (as he informeth) robbed and spoyled of goodes by one Andrew Rutledge to the valew of 60^{li.}, and after great search the partye being found and the goodes were delivered unto you, you promysing the supplyant that restytucion should be made unto him according to an order sett downe by our very good Lord the Lord Scroope, and neverthelesse, as he doth now complayne, you do detayne into your hands not only that satysfaccion that you had for him from Rutledge, but do threaten the supplyant in very straunge sorte. Her Majestie having great reason to conceyve offence hereby (yf the informacion be true) hath given us dyreccion to will and require you to take some present course to satysfye the supplyant, or to declare unto us by your letters the truth of the cause and what reasons you have to delay him. And so, &c.

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A letter to the Lord Chandoes. The inclosed petycion hath bene exhibyted unto us by one Edward Bateman in the county of Gloucester, whereby he doth informe us that, he being a Subsydye man of good yeares and having other infirmities besydes a great chardge of children, he hath beene pressed to serve for a souldyer amongst those that are leavyed lately for the service of Ireland by some of the Justices in that countye, whom although wee do not credytt his reporte, neverthesse because wee have found that in some places the lyke dealing hath bredd great offence to the subject and both slander and prejudice to her Majesty's servyce, wee could do no lesse then to pray your good Lordship to examine duly this his complaynte. And yf you fynd he hath wrongfully informed us wee wyshe and so require your Lordship he may have and receyve that punyshement which you shall thincke fytt to be layd upon hym. And yf he were pressed, being as he informeth at high charge yn the Subsydie as any yeoman in that tything where he dwelleth, being also a man of yeares and having great chardge and other infirmitye, wee do thincke yt requysyte that such of the Justyces as dyd by coulor of her Majesty's servyce use this indyrect course to make choyce of so unfytt and unservyceable a man for some private offence might know their fault, and how much her Majestie doth myslyke her aucthorytie and service should be abused to serve the passion of any person. So praying, &c.

A charge of illegal impressment.

Signed and dated as before.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton, knight, Governour of the Isle of Gernezey. Whereas the inclosed petycion hath beene exhybyted unto us by Thomas Beauvoir of that Isle, complayning that during the mynorytie of himselfe and his brother a sentence hath beene given agaynst them, whereby they have beene condempned in a hundred pounds unto certayne of that Isle, notwithstanding that the same were due by the heires of one Thomas Effard, deceased, the which (as he informeth) ys proved by the said Effard's

Another complaint from Thomas Beauvoir.

owne accountes, humbly beseeching us to graunt him our letters of commyssion for the revysion of the sayd accomptes, whereby he pretendeth to recover his indempnyties. Finding this his request reasonable, wee have thought good to require you, Sir Thomas Leighton, to call before you the sayd Thomas Beauvoir, complainant, and John and Thomas Effard, brethren, sonnes and heires of the sayd Effard, deceased, with all others whom this matter may concerne, and to cause the sayd partyes to chuse of both sydes some honest and dyscreete men in that Isle to be assistant with you, that you and they may proceed to the examynacion of this complaynte, and after delyberate perusall of the said Effard's accountes and dycussing of the allegacions of both partyes, to do your best indeavour to compound this controversye. Which yf you be not able to performe or any of the partyes still refuse to submytte themselves to this order, then wee require you to certyfy us of the state of the cause and your proceedings therein, to th'end wee may take such further course in the same as to justice and equitye shall appertayne. So, &c.

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The Maison
Dieu at
Dover.

A letter to the Mayor of Dover. Whereas the Mazon-diew, a house in Dover which hath bene heretofore employed of long tyme as a fytt place for the victualling of her Majesty's Navye, ys now of late years fallen into such great ruine and decaye as when her Majestie shall have cause to use yt agayne for her service yt wilbe altogether unfytte yf there be not some better course taken therein then heretofore hath beene, wee therefore have thought fytt to require you to survey the sayd house together with all the store-houses, garneryes and mills thereunto belonging, and to certyfie unto us under your handes aswell what roomes there you fynd to be in sufficyent repayre to be used for servyce and what the other remaynes be that are decayed and unservyceable, as also to what uses they be employed and by whom, that thereupon some speedy order may be taken for the better keeping and fytting of them hereafter for such servyces as shall happen. And so, &c.

Ultimo Julij, 1598.

This day Francis Kelway of Rockborn in the county of Southampton, esquior, beinge by order from the Lords and others of her Majesty's most honorable Privie Counsell commaunded to make his personall appearance before them hath appeared accordingly, which ys here entered for his indemnety, and nevertheles injoyned to give his dayly attendance on their Lordships at there daies of meeteinge in Councell, and not to departe untill he be by their Lordships or anie of them dismissed, &c.

Appearance
before the
Council.

These letters following were signed and dated according to the Session before, being the 30 of July, 1598.

A letter dyrected unto the Lady Russell. Wee have bin moved by the petition of this poore man, Thomas Ketlewell, who hath served longe in her Majesty's warres untill by misfortune in the said warres he received certaine wo[u]nds in his body whereby he ys maymed, so as he ys not hable to serve longer. In regard whereof yt hathe pleased her Majesty of her gracious goodnes to bestow upon the said Kettlewell for his better releife an almsman's roome at Dunington in the county of Berkshire, and upon his repair thither he was refuzed, although (as he informeth us) there ys a place voyde by the death of one that was an almsman there, who before his decease sould his place unto an other that dothe yet remaine there and injoye the benefitt of the same, contrary to her Majesty's intent and meaninge. Forasmuche as the poore man (beinge maymed) hathe smale meanes to releive himself and beinge charged with wife and childerin, wee have bin moved to pray your good Ladyship to give present order that this poore man maie be placed in the said almshouse in the roome of him that ys deceased, and receive the benefitt thereof for his better mayntenance and helpe accordinge to her Majesty's good pleasure and meaninge. So, &c.

Sale of an
Almsman's
place.

Two entries
repeated.

A letter directed to the Erle of Bathe, her Majesty's Leiutenna[n]t in the county of Devon. Wee have bin moved to write to your Lordship in the behalf of John Speacote, gentleman, havinge a charge of one companie of foote in that county under your Lordship's Leiutenancy. The gentleman beinge not so well able to contynue the charge of the same, his father beinge yet livinge and his meanes not great, his humble sute unto us ys to be eased for the present tyme of that charge, and wee do also understande that there ar other gentlemen, namely Mr. Prediaux and Mr. Asham (*sic*), that are willinge to accept the same. Wee do pray your Lordship therefore you will bestow that companie upon one of theis two gentlemen or anie other your Lordship shall thincke *meet to have that charge. Wherein prayinge your Lordship to take order accordingly. And so, &c.

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A letter dyrected unto the Lord Scroope. Whereas her Majesty ys informed that those orders and constitucions that have bin sett downe and observed in the Borders for the better gover[n]ment and defence of the same ar for the most parte broken and neglected, whereby great inconveniences do divers wayes ariz, to the weakenninge of the Bordours and great prejudice of the subjects, her Majesty's pleasure ys your Lordship shall call unto you the cheife gentlemen within your Wardenry, and aswell to informe your selves of those lawes, constitucions and orders that ar broken and not observed as to consider of the meanes how they maie hereafter be better observed, espetiallie suche as concerne the good and quiett government and strength of the same. Wherein wee pray your Lordship to certefy unto us what course uppon advised conference with them you shall thincke meete to be taken therein, that upon due consideration thereof wee maie take suche further order therein as may be thought convenient. So, &c.

* The corner of this leaf is torn off.

A letter dyrected to Mr. William Meredithe, Paymaster of her Majesty's forces in the Low Contries. Whereas her Majesty hath given order and dyreccion that the tenn companies in the West Countries, whereof six remaines at Faulmouth, two at Plymouth and two at Portsmouth, beinge of those numbers that were drawne out of the garrisons in the Low Contr[ie]s, shall now be sent into the realme of Ireland for the strengtheninge of her Majesty's army there, except fifty men of the companie of Sir Nicholas Parker, knight, and they ar appointed to be at the port of Plymouth by the 10^h of the next moneth of August to be imbarqued at that place with other forces that are leavied in the counties of this realme and ar to be transported also from thence into the realme of Ireland. Forasmuche [as] you ar Paymaster of those companies wee have thought good to lett you understande thus muche, and to require you to contynue the ordynary ymprests to the tenn capetaines and the rest of the officers of those bands and souldiers untill the tyme of their ymbarkeinge and no longer, save for the fifty that remaine here of the companie of Sir Nicholas Parker's, knight, who ar appointed to continue with him for a ward for the defence of the Fort at Faulmouth, to whome you shall contynue the accustomed ymprests they hetherto have had, and to him also his allowance as capetain of that bande. So, &c.

The Low
Country
soldiers in the
West.

A letter dyrected unto Sir John Stanhop, knight, Threasorer of her Majesty's Chamber. Her Majesty havinge occacion to leavie certaine numbers of horses to be sent into the realme of Ireland hath given us authority to dyrect our letters unto the Lords the Bishops and others of the cleargi, beinge of habillity, to finde some parte or to furnishe so muche monie as maie suffice to provide the same after the rate of 30^{li}. for a light horse, and also to require the lyke of certaine Recusants, beinge knowne to be men of habillity and livlyhood, and to cause the monie to be payde unto you, to be issued out to suche as wee shall appointe to have the charge to provide the horsses. These shalbe

The light
horse for
Ireland.

therefore to require you by vertue of the authorety given us by her Majesty to receive into your hands such somes of monie as shalbe brought unto you from such of the Lords the Bishoppes and others of the cleargie, and from other, Recusants, who ar appointed to that charge, accordinge to a scedule which you shall receive herewithall, which sommes of monie you shall pay over unto suche person or persons as wee shall hereafter appointe to receive the same. So, &c.

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Signed by the

Lord Keeper.

Lord Buckhurst.

Lord Admirall.

Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Chamberlaine.

Mr. Secretary, and

Lord North.

Mr. Chauncellor.

An Irish
pension in
arrear

A letter to the Lord Threasurer. Whereas her Majestie hath graunted unto John Burtall, gentleman, a pencion of two shillings by the day in recompence of his good service, to be payd him yearly during his lyfe out of such money as shall from tyme to tyme be assigned to be sent into Ireland for payment of such souldyers serving in her Majesty's warres or other causes there. Forasmuch as yt appeareth by certyfycate under the hand of Charles Huett, assigne to Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Treasurer at Warres in Ireland, that there ys due to the sayd Burtall synce the last payment made unto him till the last of March, 1598, the somme of xix poundes and fower shillinges for his pencion, which was not payd out of the late treasors sent thether, the same being by order from her Majestie appoynted to defray the growing charges. Wee have beene moved to pray your good Lordship that where her Majestie graunted a Pryvye Seale of fowre thousand poundes bearing date the xvjth of August, 1597, for the payment of such persons of the Irishe suytours as by any six of us of her Majesty's Privye Councell, whereof your Lordship to be one, should be thought meete, to give order the foresayd somme of

* This letter was afterward renewed and directed to Sir John Fortescue, knight, being dated 10th August.

* Original marginal note.

nyneteene poundes and four shillinges may be payd to the sayd John Burtall yf there be so much remayning of the sayd somme, wherein theis together with her Majesty's Privye Seale shalbe your, &c. And so, &c.

A letter to the Maior and Sheryfes of the cytty of Brystoll. Whereas uppon a certaine dyfference and contentacion brought before us betweene the Governors and Companie of the Mynerall and Battery Worckes and Richard Hanbury and Edmond Wheeler, wee did require you to informe your selves what quantity of Osmond iron had bene or should be founde to have bene sent thither to that cytty by the said Hanbury or Wheeler or by their servaunts, factours or assignes, and thereupon you were forthwith to deliver or cause to bee delyvered the number of xv^{en} tonnes of Osmond iron, or so moche under that number as should be found there, to the fermor or factor of the Companie of the said Mynerall and Battery Worckes. For as moche as sithence the wrytinge of our said letters wee have sett downe an order betweene the said Governor and Company and the said Hanbury and Wheeler which they have on both sides agreed unto, wee have therefore thought good to signifie so moche unto you and do now will and require you to forbear the execucion of our said former letters.

Settlement of the dispute as to the supply of iron to the Monmouthshire wire-works.

A letter unto Sir Charles Somerset, knight, William Morgan, Highe Sheryfe of the county of Monmouth, and others concernyng the foresaid matter betweene the said Hanbury, Wheler and the rest about the sequestracion and taking into their hands all soch worckhowses, water-courses, cole mynes, woods, &c., as the said Hanbury and Wheler had in that county, that now upon the receipt of this letter they should forbear the execucion of their Lordships' former letters.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

The following brief abstract of correspondence relating to the Channel Isles ranging from July, 1557, to June, 1603, is written on a single sheet bound up between p. 220 and p. 221 of this volume, and numbered 220B.

July 9, 1557.

Letters to the Governours of Jersey and Guernesey forthwith to repaire to their charges and to reside and continew their attendance there.

March 17, 1557.

Other letters to them that it is not meant the Queene should be charged to send over men for defence of those Isles, because shee was never wont to be charged with the like, yett if they wanted of their bands and retinew and would have a supply at their owne cost they may well soe doe with her Majesty's good contentment and thankes.

August 16, 1590.

Letters to the Governours of Jersey and Guernesey signifieng unto them that directions were given to the Lieutenants of the counties of Southampton, Dorsett and Wiltes that 700 men formerly appointed should be presently mustered, treined and putt in a readines upon any occasion to be transported thither.

September 11, 1593.

A letter to the Governour of Garnesey that whereas upon intelligence given of some attempt upon those Islands 600 men were sent thither out of the counties of Dorsett, Sommersett and Wiltes, he is now required to cause the companies remayning in that Island to be shipped in convenient vessells to be transported to the next ports of the countries where they were leavied, and to see them paid all that is due unto them to the time of their imbarquing and five daies' wages more for the time of their transportacion, and to take order that the armour and weapons sent out of the countries where they were leavied be carefully looked to, to be afterwards by directions of the Lords sent to the countries whence they were had, and to send a perfect inventory thereof, and to what bands the same belong, and to make known to the soldiers that there is order taken att the ports where they shall arrive for money for their conduct to the place where they were leavied.

Another letter to the Governour of Jersey of the same tenour.

November 9, 1595.

A letter to Mr. Anthony Paulet, Governour of Jersey. Whereas he desireth leave by his letters to come for England from the charge of that Isle about special matters, he was hereby licensed to come, leaving some good, sufficient and trustie man behind him for the good government there, as noe inconvenience through his absence might happen.

28 Aprill, 1597.

A warrant to Sir Anthony Paulett that whereas 50 souldiers out of the county of Sommerset are to be sent thither under the commaund of such a lieutenant and sergeant as he should appoint, he should out of her Majesty's treasure and victualls to be delivered to him for their entertainment cause to be paid to the lieutenant ijs,

to the ensigne xij^d., and to each souldier viij^d. *per diem* in money and victualls from the time of their imbarquing and during their service and untill their returne and landing here.

[The] like to the Governour of Garnesey.

In December following the two Governours had order to send backe those souldiers and their armes.

* June 18, 1603.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leighton. His Majestie being informed of divers persons having charge of castles, forts, etc., not resident in their places, he is commaunded to make his undelayed repaire to his charge, which is commaunded to all others having the like offices.

* This last entry is written on the back of the sheet.

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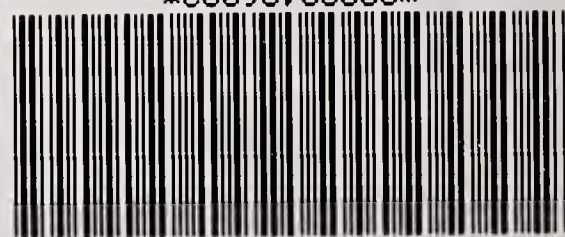
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